

Union Calendar No. 156

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1776

[Report No. 107-256]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Buffalo Bayou National Heritage Area in west Houston, Texas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 2001

Mr. GREEN of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

OCTOBER 30, 2001

Additional sponsors: Mr. BENTSEN, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, and Mr. LAMPSON

OCTOBER 30, 2001

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 9, 2001]

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Buffalo Bayou National*
5 *Heritage Area Study Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE STUDY REGARDING BUF-**

7 **FALO BAYOU, TEXAS.**

8 (a) *FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:*

9 (1) *The area beginning at Shepherd Drive in*
10 *west Houston, Texas, and extending to the Turning*
11 *Basin, commonly referred to as the “Buffalo Bayou”,*
12 *made a unique contribution to the cultural, political,*
13 *and industrial development of the United States.*

14 (2) *The Buffalo Bayou is distinctive as the first*
15 *spine of modern industrial development in Texas and*
16 *one of the first along the Gulf of Mexico coast.*

17 (3) *The Buffalo Bayou played a significant role*
18 *in the struggle for Texas independence.*

19 (4) *The Buffalo Bayou developed a prosperous*
20 *and productive shipping industry that survives today.*

21 (5) *The Buffalo Bayou led in the development of*
22 *Texas’ petrochemical industry that made Houston the*
23 *center of the early oil boom in America.*

1 (b) STUDY.—

2 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary shall, in con-
3 sultation with the State of Texas, the City of Hous-
4 ton, and other appropriate organizations, carry out a
5 study regarding the suitability and feasibility of es-
6 tablishing the Buffalo Bayou National Heritage Area
7 in Houston, Texas.

8 (2) *CONTENTS.*—The study shall include anal-
9 ysis and documentation regarding whether the Study
10 Area—

11 (A) has an assemblage of natural, historic,
12 and cultural resources that together represent
13 distinctive aspects of American heritage worthy
14 of recognition, conservation, interpretation, and
15 continuing use, and are best managed through
16 partnerships among public and private entities
17 and by combining diverse and sometimes non-
18 contiguous resources and active communities;

19 (B) reflects traditions, customs, beliefs, and
20 folklife that are a valuable part of the national
21 story;

22 (C) provides outstanding opportunities to
23 conserve natural, historic, cultural, or scenic fea-
24 tures;

(D) provides outstanding recreational and educational opportunities;

21 (H) has a conceptual boundary map that is
22 supported by the public.

1 *the Turning Basin, commonly referred to as the “Buffalo*
2 *Bayou”.*

3 (d) *SUBMISSION OF STUDY RESULTS.—Not later than*
4 *3 years after funds are first made available for this section,*
5 *the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Resources*
6 *of the House of Representatives and the Committee on En-*
7 *ergy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report describ-*
8 *ing the results of the study.*

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