

107TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3747

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the site commonly known as Eagledale Ferry Dock at Taylor Avenue in the State of Washington for potential inclusion in the National Park System.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS.**

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
3 “Bainbridge Island Japanese-American Memorial Study
4 Act of 2002”.

5 (b) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

6 (1) During World War II on February 19,
7 1942, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed
8 Executive Order 9066, setting in motion the forced
9 exile of more than 110,000 Japanese Americans.

10 (2) In Washington State, 12,892 men, women
11 and children of Japanese ancestry experienced three
12 years of incarceration, an incarceration violating the
13 most basic freedoms of American citizens.

14 (3) On March 30, 1942, 227 Bainbridge Island
15 residents were the first Japanese Americans in
16 United States history to be forcibly removed from
17 their homes by the U.S. Army and sent to intern-
18 ment camps. They boarded the ferry Kehloken from
19 the former Eagledale Ferry Dock, located at the end
20 of Taylor Avenue, in the city of Bainbridge Island,
21 Washington State.

22 (4) The city of Bainbridge Island has adopted
23 a resolution stating that this site should be a Na-
24 tional Memorial, and similar resolutions have been
25 introduced in the Washington State Legislature.

1 (5) Both the Minidoka National Monument and
2 Manzanar National Historic Site can clearly tell the
3 story of a time in our Nation's history when con-
4 stitutional rights were ignored. These camps by de-
5 sign were placed in very remote places and are not
6 easily accessible. Bainbridge Island is a short ferry
7 ride from Seattle and the site would be within easy
8 reach of many more people.

9 (6) This is a unique opportunity to create a site
10 that will honor those who suffered, cherish the
11 friends and community who stood beside them and
12 welcomed them home, and inspire all to stand firm
13 in the event our nation again succumbs to similar
14 fears.

15 (7) The site should be recognized by the Na-
16 tional Park Service based on its high degree of na-
17 tional significance, association with significant
18 events, and integrity of its location and setting. This
19 site is critical as an anchor for future efforts to
20 identify, interpret, serve, and ultimately honor the
21 Nikkei—persons of Japanese ancestry—influence on
22 Bainbridge Island.

1 **SEC. 2. EAGLEDALE FERRY DOCK LOCATION AT TAYLOR**

2 **AVENUE STUDY AND REPORT.**

3 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Interior shall carry
4 out a special resource study regarding the national signifi-
5 cance, suitability, and feasibility of designating as a unit
6 of the National Park System the property commonly
7 known as the Eagledale Ferry Dock at Taylor Avenue and
8 the historical events associated with it, located in the town
9 of Bainbridge Island, Kitsap County, Washington.

10 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after funds are
11 first made available for the study under subsection (a),
12 the Secretary of the Interior shall submit to the Com-
13 mittee on Resources of the House of Representatives and
14 the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the
15 Senate a report describing the findings, conclusions, and
16 recommendations of the study.

17 (c) REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDY.—Except as other-
18 wise provided in this section, the study under subsection
19 (a) shall be conducted in accordance with section 8(c) of
20 Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5(c)).

Passed the House of Representatives November 15
(legislative day, November 14), 2002.

Attest:

Clerk.

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