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# H. R. 3747

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2002

Mr. INSLEE (for himself, Mr. DICKS, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. WU, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. BAIRD, and Mr. LARSEN of Washington) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## 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; FINDINGS.**

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

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

1           (1) During World War II on February 19,  
2           1942, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed  
3           Executive Order 9066, setting in motion the forced  
4           exile of more than 110,000 Japanese Americans.

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

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

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

21          (5) Both the Minidoka National Monument and  
22          Manzanar National Historic Site can clearly tell the  
23          story of a time in our Nation's history when con-  
24          stitutional rights were ignored. These camps by de-  
25          sign were placed in very remote places and are not

1 easily accessible. Bainbridge Island is a short ferry  
2 ride from Seattle and the site would be within easy  
3 reach of many more people.

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

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

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

19 **AVENUE STUDY AND REPORT.**

20 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Interior shall carry  
21 out a special resource study regarding the national signifi-  
22 cance, suitability, and feasibility of designating as a unit  
23 of the National Park System the property commonly  
24 known as the Eagledale Ferry Dock at Taylor Avenue and

1 the historical events associated with it, located in the town  
2 of Bainbridge Island, Kitsap County, Washington.

3 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after funds are  
4 first made available for the study under subsection (a),  
5 the Secretary of the Interior shall submit to the Com-  
6 mittee on Resources of the House of Representatives and  
7 the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the  
8 Senate a report describing the findings, conclusions, and  
9 recommendations of the study.

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

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