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To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the former Eagledale Ferry Dock in the State of Washington for potential inclusion in the National Park System.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds that—

5 (1) on February 19, 1942, President Franklin
6 Delano Roosevelt signed Executive Order No. 9066,
7 which set in motion the forced exile of more than
8 110,000 Japanese Americans;

1 (2) in the State of Washington, 12,892 Japa-
2 nese American men, women, and children were in-
3 carcerated for 3 years, an incarceration that violated
4 the most basic freedoms of citizens of the United
5 States;

6 (3) on March 30, 1942, 227 Bainbridge Island
7 residents were the first Japanese Americans in the
8 history of the United States to be forcibly removed
9 from their homes by the United States Army and
10 sent to internment camps;

11 (4) those residents began the journey to the in-
12 terment camps when they boarded the ferry
13 Kehloken from the former Eagledale Ferry Dock, lo-
14 cated at the end of Taylor Avenue in Bainbridge Is-
15 land, Washington;

16 (5) the city of Bainbridge Island has adopted a
17 resolution stating that the site of the former
18 Eagledale Ferry Dock should be a national memo-
19 rial;

20 (6) similar resolutions have been introduced in
21 the legislature in the State of Washington;

22 (7)(A) while the camps at the Minidoka Na-
23 tional Monument and Manzanar National Historic
24 Site tell the story of a time in the history of the
25 United States when constitutional rights were ig-

1 nored, the camps were placed by design in very re-
2 mote places that are not easily accessible to visitors;
3 and

4 (B) the site at Bainbridge Island, a short ferry
5 ride from Seattle, Washington, would be accessible
6 to more people;

7 (8) Bainbridge Island provides a unique oppor-
8 tunity to create a site that will—

9 (A) honor the Japanese Americans who
10 suffered during the internment;

11 (B) cherish their friends and community
12 who stood beside them and welcomed them
13 home; and

14 (C) inspire all persons to stand firm in the
15 event the United States succumbs to similar
16 fears again;

17 (9) the site at Bainbridge Island should be rec-
18 ognized by the National Park Service based on—

19 (A) the national significance of the site;

20 (B) the association of the site with signifi-
21 cant events; and

22 (C) the integrity of the location and setting
23 of the site; and

24 (10) the site at Bainbridge Island is critical as
25 an anchor for future efforts to identify, interpret,

1 serve, and ultimately honor the influence of Japa-
2 nese Americans on Bainbridge Island.

3 **SEC. 2. STUDY AND REPORT.**

4 (a) **STUDY.**—The Secretary of the Interior (referred
5 to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall conduct a study
6 of the site commonly known as the “Eagledale Ferry
7 Dock” at Taylor Avenue in Bainbridge Island, Wash-
8 ington, and the historical events associated with the site,
9 to evaluate—

10 (1) the national significance of the site; and

11 (2) the suitability and feasibility of designating
12 the site as a unit of the National Park System.

13 (b) **CRITERIA.**—In conducting the study under sub-
14 section (a), the Secretary shall use the criteria for the
15 study of areas for potential inclusion in the National Park
16 System under section 8 of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C.
17 1a–5).

18 (c) **REPORT.**—Not later than 1 year after the date
19 on which funds are made available for the study under
20 subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the Com-
21 mittee on Resources of the House of Representatives and
22 the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the
23 Senate a report that describes—

24 (1) the findings of the study; and

1 (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the
2 Secretary.

3 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
5 essary to carry out this Act.

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