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To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of maritime sites in the State of Michigan.

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Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Michigan Lighthouse
5 and Maritime Heritage Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) surrounded by the Great Lakes, the State
9 of Michigan gives the Midwest region a unique mari-
10 time character;

1 (2) the access of the Great Lakes to the Atlan-
2 tic Ocean has—

3 (A) given the shipping industry in the
4 State of Michigan an international role in
5 trade; and

6 (B) contributed to industrial and natural
7 resource development in the State;

8 (3) the State of Michigan offers unequalled op-
9 portunities for maritime heritage preservation and
10 interpretation, based on the fact that the State
11 has—

12 (A) more deepwater shoreline than any
13 other State in the continental United States;

14 (B) more lighthouses than any other State;
15 and

16 (C) the only freshwater national marine
17 sanctuary in the United States;

18 (4) the maritime history of the State of Michi-
19 gan includes the history of—

20 (A) the routes and gathering places of the
21 fur traders and missionaries who opened North
22 America to European settlement; and

23 (B) the summer communities of people
24 who mined copper, hunted and fished, and cre-

1 ated the first agricultural settlements in the
2 State;

3 (5) in the 19th century, the natural resources
4 and maritime access of the State made the State the
5 leading producer of iron, copper, and lumber in the
6 United States; and

7 (6) the maritime heritage of Michigan is evident
8 in—

9 (A) the more than 120 lighthouses in the
10 State;

11 (B) the lifesaving stations, dry docks,
12 lightships, submarine, ore docks, piers, break-
13 waters, sailing clubs, and communities and in-
14 dustries that were built on the lakes in the
15 State;

16 (C) the hotels and resort communities in
17 the State;

18 (D) the more than 12 maritime-related na-
19 tional landmarks in the State;

20 (E) the 2 national lakeshores in the State;

21 (F) the 2 units of the National Park Sys-
22 tem in the State;

23 (G) the various State parks and sites listed
24 on the National Register of Historic Places in
25 the State;

1 (H) the database information in the State
2 on—

3 (i) 1,500 shipwrecks;

4 (ii) 11 underwater preserves; and

5 (iii) the freshwater national marine
6 sanctuary; and

7 (I) the Great Lakes, which have played an
8 important role—

9 (i) for Native Americans, fur traders,
10 missionaries, settlers, and travelers;

11 (ii) in the distribution of wheat, iron,
12 copper, and lumber;

13 (iii) providing recreational opportuni-
14 ties; and

15 (iv) stories of shipwrecks and rescues.

16 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

17 In this Act:

18 (1) **MARITIME HERITAGE RESOURCE.**—The
19 term “maritime heritage resource” includes light-
20 houses, lifesaving and coast guard stations, maritime
21 museums, historic ships and boats, marine sanc-
22 tuaries and preserves, fisheries and hatcheries, locks
23 and ports, ore docks, piers and breakwaters, mari-
24 nas, resort communities (such as Bay View and
25 Epworth Heights), cruises, performing artists that

1 specialize in maritime culture, interpretive and edu-
2 cational programs and events, museums with signifi-
3 cant maritime collections, maritime art galleries,
4 maritime communities, and maritime festivals.

5 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
6 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Na-
7 tional Park Service Midwest Regional Office.

8 (3) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
9 of Michigan.

10 (4) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area”
11 means the State of Michigan.

12 **SEC. 4. STUDY.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation
14 with the State, the State historic preservation officer, local
15 historical societies, State and local economic development,
16 tourism, and parks and recreation offices, and other ap-
17 propriate agencies and organizations, shall conduct a spe-
18 cial resource study of the study area to determine—

19 (1) the potential economic and tourism benefits
20 of preserving State maritime heritage resources;

21 (2) suitable and feasible options for long-term
22 protection of significant State maritime heritage re-
23 sources; and

1 (3) the manner in which the public can best
2 learn about and experience State maritime heritage
3 resources.

4 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—In conducting the study under
5 subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

6 (1) review Federal, State, and local maritime
7 resource inventories and studies to establish the con-
8 text, breadth, and potential for interpretation and
9 preservation of State maritime heritage resources;

10 (2) examine the potential economic and tourism
11 impacts of protecting State maritime heritage re-
12 sources;

13 (3) recommend management alternatives that
14 would be most effective for long-term resource pro-
15 tection and providing for public enjoyment of State
16 maritime heritage resources;

17 (4) address how to assist regional, State, and
18 local partners in efforts to increase public awareness
19 of and access to the State maritime heritage re-
20 sources;

21 (5) identify sources of financial and technical
22 assistance available to communities for the conserva-
23 tion and interpretation of State maritime heritage
24 resources; and

1 (6) address ways in which to link appropriate
2 national parks, State parks, waterways, monuments,
3 parkways, communities, national and State historic
4 sites, and regional or local heritage areas and sites
5 into a Michigan Maritime Heritage Destination Net-
6 work.

7 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the
8 date on which funds are made available to carry out the
9 study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to
10 the Committee on Resources of the House of Representa-
11 tives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
12 sources of the Senate a report that describes—

13 (1) the results of the study; and

14 (2) any findings and recommendations of the
15 Secretary.

16 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

17 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
18 this Act \$500,000.

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