

110<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5945

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 1, 2008

Mrs. CAPITO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Natural Resources

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM SPECIAL RESOURCE**  
2 **STUDY, WASHINGTON FAMILY LEGACY**  
3 **LANDS, JEFFERSON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA.**

4 (a) SPECIAL RESOURCES STUDY.—The Secretary of  
5 the Interior shall conduct a special resource study relating  
6 to the Washington Family Legacy Lands in Jefferson  
7 County, West Virginia.

8 (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study, the Sec-  
9 retary shall evaluate—

10 (1) the national significance of the Washington  
11 Family Legacy Lands; and

12 (2) the suitability and feasibility of adding the  
13 Washington Family Legacy Lands as part of Harp-  
14 ers Ferry National Historical Park or designating  
15 the Washington Family Legacy Lands as a separate  
16 unit of the National Park System.

17 (c) CRITERIA.—The criteria for a study of areas for  
18 potential inclusion in the National Park System contained  
19 in Section 8 of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5) shall  
20 apply to the study.

21 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
22 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit  
23 to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of  
24 Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Nat-  
25 ural Resources of the Senate a report containing the find-  
26 ings, conclusions, and recommendations of the study.

1 (e) DEFINITION.—In this Act, the term “Washington  
2 Family Legacy Lands” means—

3 (1) the Blakeley Mansion estate, comprising ap-  
4 proximately 110 acres and located at 24 Blakeley  
5 Farm Lane, Jefferson County, West Virginia;

6 (2) the Bullskin Plantation (also known as  
7 Rock Hall), comprising approximately 447 acres and  
8 located at 4356 Summit Point Road, Jefferson  
9 County, West Virginia;

10 (3) the Claymont Court Mansion estate, com-  
11 prising approximately 345 acres and located at 577  
12 Claymont Mansion Drive, Jefferson County, West  
13 Virginia; and

14 (4) the Happy Retreat estate, comprising ap-  
15 proximately 12.5 acres and located at 600  
16 Mordington Avenue, Charles Town, Jefferson Coun-  
17 ty, West Virginia.

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