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# H. R. 6616

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 24, 2008

Mr. HOBSON (for himself, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. TURNER, Mr. TIBERI, Ms. SUTTON, and Ms. PRYCE of Ohio) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Colonel Charles Young  
3 Home National Historical Site Study Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. STUDY AND REPORT ON THE COLONEL CHARLES**  
5 **YOUNG HOME AND ASSOCIATED LOCATIONS**  
6 **AND ENTITIES.**

7 (a) STUDY.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Inte-  
9 rior, in consultation with the Secretary of the Army,  
10 shall conduct a study of the study area, as defined  
11 in section 4(2), to assess its national significance  
12 and the suitability and feasibility of including it as  
13 a unit of the National Park System.

14 (2) REQUIREMENTS OF STUDY.—In conducting  
15 the study, the Secretary shall—

16 (A) comply with section 8(c) of the Na-  
17 tional Park System General Authorities Act (16  
18 U.S.C. 1a–5(c));

19 (B) consult with interested Federal, State,  
20 tribal, and local officials, representatives of civic  
21 organizations, and members of the public;

22 (C) consider in the evaluation conducted  
23 pursuant to section 8(c)(3)(B) of such Act (16  
24 U.S.C. 1a–5(c)(3)(B)), in consultation with the  
25 Secretary of the Army, an affiliation of the  
26 study area with the National Museum of the

1 United States Army, the Buffalo Soldiers Na-  
2 tional Museum, or other entities associated with  
3 Colonel Charles Young, as determined by the  
4 Secretary of the Interior, in order to focus on  
5 the life of Colonel Charles Young and the Afri-  
6 can-American military experience;

7 (D) investigate the historical relationship  
8 of the Colonel Charles Young Home with the  
9 Underground Railroad by methods including—

10 (i) consideration of available historical  
11 documentation; and

12 (ii) completion of architectural and ar-  
13 cheological investigations of the Colonel  
14 Charles Young Home; and

15 (E) consider research in existence on the  
16 date of the enactment of this Act, as well as  
17 original research conducted as a part of the  
18 study authorized by this subsection, on the his-  
19 torical significance and feasibility of preserving  
20 and interpreting the study area.

21 (b) REPORT.—Notwithstanding section 8(c)(1) of the  
22 National Park System General Authorities Act (16 U.S.C.  
23 1a–5(c)(1)), within 2 complete fiscal years after the date  
24 on which funds are made available to carry out the study  
25 required by subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary

1 shall submit to Congress a report that describes the find-  
2 ings of the study and the conclusions and recommenda-  
3 tions of the Secretary relating to—

4 (1) the inclusion of the study area as a unit of  
5 the National Park System; and

6 (2) if the Secretary concludes that the study  
7 area meets the criteria for inclusion, the affiliation  
8 of the new unit of the National Park System with  
9 the entities referred to in subsection (a)(2)(C).

10 **SEC. 3. INCLUSION OF THE COLONEL CHARLES YOUNG**  
11 **HOME AND ASSOCIATED LOCATIONS AS A**  
12 **UNIT OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM AND**  
13 **AFFILIATION OF ASSOCIATED ENTITIES WITH**  
14 **SUCH UNIT.**

15 (a) INCLUSION.—If the Secretary concludes in the re-  
16 port required by section 2(b) that the study area meets  
17 the criteria for inclusion as a unit of the National Park  
18 System—

19 (1) the study area shall be included as a unit  
20 of the National Park System; and

21 (2) not later than 30 days after such inclusion,  
22 the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register  
23 a notice that the study area has been included as a  
24 unit of the National Park System.

1 (b) AFFILIATION.—If the study area is included as  
2 a unit of the National Park System under subsection (a)  
3 and the Secretary recommends in the report required by  
4 section 2(b) an affiliation of such unit with the entities  
5 referred to in section 2(a)(2)(C), the Secretary may take  
6 the action necessary to implement such an affiliation.

7 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

8 For purposes of this Act:

9 (1) SECRETARY.—Unless otherwise indicated,  
10 the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the In-  
11 terior.

12 (2) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area”  
13 means the following:

14 (A) THE COLONEL CHARLES YOUNG  
15 HOME.—The Colonel Charles Young Home, a  
16 National Historic Landmark located in Xenia,  
17 Ohio.

18 (B) THE UNITED STATES CAVALRY MU-  
19 SEUM.—The United States Cavalry Museum lo-  
20 cated at Fort Riley, Kansas.

21 (C) THE FRONTIER ARMY MUSEUM.—The  
22 Frontier Army Museum located at Fort Leaven-  
23 worth, Kansas.

1           (D) THE FORT HUACHUCA HISTORICAL  
2 MUSEUM.—The Fort Huachuca Historical Mu-  
3 seum located at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

4           (E) THE PRESIDIO ARMY MUSEUM.—The  
5 Presidio Army Museum located in San Fran-  
6 cisco, California.

7           (F) OTHER ASSOCIATED LOCATIONS.—Any  
8 other location associated with Colonel Charles  
9 Young, as determined by the Secretary.

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