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# H. R. 4514

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 26, 2010

Mr. CLAY (for himself, Mr. AUSTRIA, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. PAYNE, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Mr. SESTAK, and Mr. TIBERI) 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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Colonel Charles Young  
5       Home Study Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress finds that—

1 (1) Colonel Charles Young was—

2 (A) a distinguished African-American offi-  
3 cer in the United States Army;

4 (B) the third African-American to grad-  
5 uate from West Point;

6 (C) a commander of troops in combat in—

7 (i) the Spanish-American War; and

8 (ii) the Mexican expedition against  
9 Pancho Via;

10 (D) 1 of the first military attachés in the  
11 United States; and

12 (E) a pioneer of techniques in military in-  
13 telligence;

14 (2) the experience of Colonel Young in the  
15 Army between 1884 and 1922 illustrates the chang-  
16 ing nature of race relations in the United States  
17 during a period spanning from the end of the Civil  
18 War to the beginning of the Civil Rights movement;

19 (3) Colonel Young was a friend and associate of  
20 other distinguished African-Americans of the period,  
21 including poet Paul Laurence Dunbar from nearby  
22 Dayton, Ohio;

23 (4) as the commander of an Army unit assigned  
24 to protect and develop Sequoia National Park and  
25 General Grant National Park in the State of Cali-

1       fornia, Colonel Young is recognized as the first Afri-  
 2       can-American to be the Superintendent of a Na-  
 3       tional Park; and

4               (5) the home of Colonel Young located near  
 5       Xenia, Ohio is—

6                       (A) a National Historic Landmark; and

7                       (B) closely associated with—

8                               (i) Wilberforce University, a histori-  
 9                               cally Black university at which Colonel  
 10                              Young served as Professor of Military  
 11                              Science; and

12                             (ii) Central State University, which  
 13                             is—

14                               (I) a historically Black univer-  
 15                               sity; and

16                               (II) the location of the National  
 17                               Afro-American Museum and Cultural  
 18                               Center.

19   **SEC. 3. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.**

20       (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Interior (referred  
 21   to in this Act as the “Secretary”), in consultation with  
 22   the Secretary of the Army, shall conduct a special resource  
 23   study of the Colonel Charles Young Home, a National His-  
 24   toric Landmark in Xenia, Ohio (referred to in this Act  
 25   as the “Home”).

1 (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-  
2 section (a), the Secretary shall—

3 (1) evaluate any architectural and archeological  
4 resources of the Home;

5 (2) determine the suitability and feasibility of  
6 designating the Home as a unit of the National  
7 Park System;

8 (3) consider other alternatives for preservation,  
9 protection, and interpretation of the Home by Fed-  
10 eral, State, or local governmental entities or private  
11 and nonprofit organizations, including the use of  
12 shared management agreements with the Dayton  
13 Aviation Heritage National Historical Park or spe-  
14 cific units of that Park, such as the Paul Laurence  
15 Dunbar Home;

16 (4) consult with the Ohio Historical Society,  
17 Central State University, Wilberforce University,  
18 and other interested Federal, State, or local govern-  
19 mental entities, private and nonprofit organizations,  
20 or individuals; and

21 (5) identify cost estimates for any Federal ac-  
22 quisition, development, interpretation, operation, and  
23 maintenance associated with the alternatives consid-  
24 ered under the study.

1       (c) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study required under  
2 subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with sec-  
3 tion 8 of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5).

4       (d) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date  
5 on which funds are first made available for the study  
6 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the  
7 Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-  
8 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural  
9 Resources of the Senate a report that contains—

10           (1) the results of the study under subsection

11           (a); and

12           (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the

13           Secretary.

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