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S. 311

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 10, 2014

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in the State of Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

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 “Lower Mississippi
3 River Area Study Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of the Interior.

8 (2) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area” in-
9 cludes Fort St. Philip, Fort Jackson, the Head of
10 Passes, and any related and supporting historical,
11 cultural, and recreational resources located in
12 Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

13 **SEC. 3. STUDY.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the
15 date on which funds are made available to carry out this
16 Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the State of Lou-
17 isiana and other interested organizations, shall complete
18 a special resource study that evaluates—

19 (1) the national significance of the study area;
20 and

21 (2) the suitability and feasibility of designating
22 the study area as a unit of the National Park Sys-
23 tem.

24 (b) CRITERIA.—In conducting the study under sub-
25 section (a), the Secretary shall use the criteria for the
26 study of areas for potential inclusion in the National Park

1 System in section 8(c) of National Park System General
2 Authorities Act (16 U.S.C. 1a-5(c)).

3 (c) CONTENT.—The study described in subsection (a)
4 shall—

5 (1) include cost estimates for the potential ac-
6 quisition, development, operation, and maintenance
7 of the study area; and

8 (2) identify alternatives for the management,
9 administration, and protection of the study area.

10 **SEC. 4. AGREEMENT; DONATIONS.**

11 The study described in section 3 shall not be con-
12 ducted until the date on which—

13 (1) the Secretary enters into an agreement with
14 a State, unit of local government, or other entity to
15 conduct the study using non-Federal funds; or

16 (2) the Secretary receives a donation of an
17 amount of non-Federal funds sufficient to pay the
18 cost of conducting the study.

Passed the Senate July 9, 2014.

Attest:

NANCY ERICKSON,

Secretary.