

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 959

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Medgar Evers House, located in Jackson, Mississippi, 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 “Medgar Evers House
3 Study Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.**

5 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Interior shall con-
6 duct a special resource study of the home of the late civil
7 rights activist Medgar Evers, located at 2332 Margaret
8 Walker Alexander Drive in Jackson, Mississippi.

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

11 (1) evaluate the national significance of the
12 site;

13 (2) determine the suitability and feasibility of
14 designating the site as a unit of the National Park
15 System;

16 (3) consider other alternatives for preservation,
17 protection, and interpretation of the site by Federal,
18 State, or local governmental entities, or private and
19 nonprofit organizations;

20 (4) consult with interested Federal, State, or
21 local governmental entities, private and nonprofit or-
22 ganizations or any other interested individuals;

23 (5) determine the effect of the designation of
24 the site as a unit of the National Park System on
25 existing commercial and recreational uses, and the

1 effect on State and local governments to manage
2 those activities;

3 (6) identify any authorities, including con-
4 demnation, that will compel or permit the Secretary
5 to influence or participate in local land use decisions
6 (such as zoning) or place restrictions on non-Federal
7 land if the site is designated a unit of the National
8 Park System; and

9 (7) identify cost estimates for any Federal ac-
10 quisition, development, interpretation, operation, and
11 maintenance associated with the alternatives.

12 (c) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study required under
13 subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with sec-
14 tion 100507 of title 54, United States Code.

15 (d) STUDY RESULTS.—Not later than 3 years after
16 the date on which funds are first made available for the
17 study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to
18 the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
19 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural

- 1 Resources of the Senate the results of the study and any
- 2 conclusions and recommendations of the Secretary.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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