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H. R. 2899

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating areas within the island of Guam as a National Heritage Area, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 2021

Mr. SAN NICOLAS (for himself and Mr. CASE) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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. THE GUAM NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA STUDY.**

4 (a) STUDY.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consulta-
6 tion with appropriate regional and local organiza-
7 tions or agencies, shall conduct a study to assess the

1 suitability and feasibility of designating the study
2 areas as National Heritage Areas.

3 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The study shall include
4 analysis, documentation, and determinations on
5 whether the study areas—

6 (A) has an assemblage of natural, historic,
7 and cultural resources that—

8 (i) represent distinctive aspects of the
9 heritage of the United States;

10 (ii) are worthy of recognition, con-
11 servation, interpretation, and continuing
12 use by residents and visitors; and

13 (iii) would be best managed—

14 (I) through partnerships among
15 public and private entities; and

16 (II) by linking diverse and some-
17 times noncontiguous resources and ac-
18 tive communities that share a com-
19 mon heritage;

20 (B) reflects traditions, customs, beliefs,
21 and folklife that are a valuable part of the story
22 of the United States;

23 (C) provides—

1 (i) outstanding opportunities to con-
2 serve natural, historic, cultural, or scenic
3 features; and

4 (ii) outstanding recreational and edu-
5 cational and cultural tourism opportuni-
6 ties;

7 (D) contains resources that—

8 (i) are important to any identified
9 themes of the study area; and

10 (ii) retain a degree of integrity capa-
11 ble of supporting interpretation;

12 (E) includes residents, business interests,
13 nonprofit organizations, including museums and
14 heritage organizations, and State and local gov-
15 ernments that—

16 (i) are involved in the planning of the
17 National Heritage Area;

18 (ii) have developed a conceptual finan-
19 cial plan that outlines the roles of all par-
20 ticipants in the Area, including the Federal
21 Government; and

22 (iii) have demonstrated support for
23 the designation of the Area;

24 (F) has a potential management entity to
25 work in partnership with the individuals and

1 entities described in subparagraph (E) to de-
2 velop the Area while encouraging State and
3 local economic activity; and

4 (G) has a conceptual boundary map that is
5 supported by the public.

6 (b) PRIVATE PROPERTY CONSIDERATIONS.—In con-
7 ducting the study, the Secretary shall consider the poten-
8 tial impact that designation of the study area as a national
9 heritage area would have on private property on Guam.

10 (c) REPORT.—Not later than the end of the third fis-
11 cal year after the date on which funds are first made avail-
12 able for this section, the Secretary shall submit to the
13 Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
14 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural
15 Resources of the Senate a report that describes—

16 (1) the findings of the study; and

17 (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the
18 Secretary.

19 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) AREA.—The term “Area” means a National
21 Heritage Area located in Guam.

22 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
23 the Secretary of the Interior.

- 1 (3) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area”
2 means the island of Guam.

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