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115TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 443

[Report No. 115–535]

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the James K. Polk Home in Columbia, Tennessee, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 11, 2017

Mr. DESJARLAIS (for himself and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

JANUARY 29, 2018

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union  
and ordered to be printed

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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 “James K. Polk Presi-  
5       dential Home Study Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress finds that—

8               (1) in 1961, the James K. Polk Home was des-  
9       ignated as a National Historic Landmark; and

10              (2) in April 2015, the National Park Service  
11       completed a reconnaissance survey of the James K.  
12       Polk Home, in which the National Park Service—

13              (A) determined that—

14                      (i) the James K. Polk Home is con-  
15                      clusively nationally significant; and

16                      (ii) a special resource study is needed  
17                      to fully analyze the suitability, feasibility,  
18                      and need for management of the James K.  
19                      Polk Home by the National Park Service;  
20                      and

21              (B) recommended that Congress consider  
22       authorizing a special resource study for the  
23       James K. Polk Home and associated properties.

1 **SEC. 3. STUDY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior (re-  
3 ferred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall conduct a  
4 special resource study of the site of the James K. Polk  
5 Home in Columbia, Tennessee, and adjacent property (re-  
6 ferred to in this Act as the “site”).

7 (b) CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall conduct the  
8 study under subsection (a) in accordance with section  
9 100507 of title 54, United States Code.

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

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

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

17 (3) include cost estimates for any necessary ac-  
18 quisition, development, operation, and maintenance  
19 of the site;

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

23 (5) identify alternatives for the management,  
24 administration, and protection of the site.

25 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date  
26 on which funds are made available to carry out the study

1 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the  
2 Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-  
3 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural  
4 Resources of the Senate a report that describes—

5           (1) the findings and conclusions of the study;

6           and

7           (2) any recommendations of the Secretary.

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