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To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the site of the Kettle Creek Battlefield in Wilkes County, Georgia, and adjacent property, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 8, 2019

Mr. HICE of Georgia 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. KETTLE CREEK BATTLEFIELD STUDY.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the
5 “Kettle Creek Battlefield Study Act”.

6 (b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

7 (1) on February 14, 1779, the Revolutionary
8 War Battle of Kettle Creek occurred in Wilkes

1 County, Georgia, where 350 Patriots defeated 800
2 British Loyalists;

3 (2) the National Park Service has recognized
4 this battle as the only significant Patriot victory in
5 Georgia, and noted the battle as having had a “de-
6 monstrable influence on the course, conduct and re-
7 sults of the Revolutionary War”;

8 (3) the site was listed in the National Register
9 of Historic Places in 1975, which determined that—

10 (A) Kettle Creek Battlefield is conclusively
11 nationally significant; and

12 (B) its historic and archeological resources
13 should be protected and preserved for future
14 generations; and

15 (4) a special resource study is needed to fully
16 analyze the suitability, feasibility, and need for man-
17 agement of Kettle Creek Battlefield by the National
18 Park Service.

19 (c) SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.—

20 (1) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Interior (re-
21 ferred to in this section as the “Secretary”) shall
22 conduct a special resource study of the site of the
23 Kettle Creek Battlefield in Wilkes County, Georgia,
24 and adjacent property (referred to in this section as
25 the “site”).

1 (2) APPLICABLE LAW.—The Secretary shall
2 conduct the study under paragraph (1) in accord-
3 ance with section 100507 of title 54, United States
4 Code.

5 (3) REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDY.—In con-
6 ducting the study under paragraph (1), the Sec-
7 retary shall—

8 (A) evaluate the national significance of
9 the site;

10 (B) determine the suitability and feasibility
11 of designating the site as a unit of the National
12 Park System;

13 (C) consult with interested Federal, State,
14 or local governmental entities, private and non-
15 profit organizations, or other interested individ-
16 uals;

17 (D) consider alternatives for the manage-
18 ment, administration, and protection of the site
19 by the Federal Government, State or local gov-
20 ernmental entities, or private and non-profit or-
21 ganizations;

22 (E) determine the effect of the designation
23 of the site as a unit of the National Park Sys-
24 tem on existing commercial and recreational

1 uses and the effect on State and local govern-
2 ments to manage those activities; and

3 (F) identify cost estimates for any Federal
4 acquisition, development, interpretation, oper-
5 ation, and maintenance associated with the al-
6 ternatives.

7 (4) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the
8 date on which funds are made available to carry out
9 the study under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall
10 submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of
11 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
12 Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a re-
13 port that describes—

14 (A) the results of the study; and

15 (B) any conclusions and recommendations
16 of the Secretary.

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