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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 16, 2019

Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “James K. Polk Presi-
5 dential Home Study Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY OF JAMES K. POLK**
7 **PRESIDENTIAL HOME.**

8 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

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

3 (2) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area”
4 means the President James K. Polk Home in Co-
5 lumbia, Tennessee, and adjacent property.

6 (b) SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.—

7 (1) STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a spe-
8 cial resource study of the study area.

9 (2) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under
10 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

11 (A) evaluate the national significance of
12 the study area;

13 (B) determine the suitability and feasibility
14 of designating the study area as a unit of the
15 National Park System;

16 (C) consider other alternatives for preser-
17 vation, protection, and interpretation of the
18 study area by the Federal Government, State or
19 local government entities, or private and non-
20 profit organizations;

21 (D) consult with interested Federal agen-
22 cies, State or local governmental entities, pri-
23 vate and nonprofit organizations, or any other
24 interested individuals; and

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

5 (3) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study required
6 under paragraph (1) shall be conducted in accord-
7 ance with section 100507 of title 54, United States
8 Code.

9 (4) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the
10 date on which funds are first made available for the
11 study under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall sub-
12 mit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
13 sources of the Senate and the Committee on Natural
14 Resources of the House of Representatives a report
15 that describes—

16 (A) the results of the study; and

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

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