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[Report No. 115–46]

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.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 15, 2017

Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. WICKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

MAY 9, 2017

Reported by Ms. MURKOWSKI, with an amendment

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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,*

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 (referred
6 to in this section as the “Secretary”) shall conduct a spe-
7 cial resource study of the home of the late civil rights ac-
8 tivist Medgar Evers, located at 2332 Margaret Walker
9 Alexander Drive in Jackson, Mississippi.

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

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

24 (5) determine the effect of the designation of
25 the site as a unit of the National Park System on
26 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
 20 Resources of the Senate the results of the study and any
 21 conclusions and recommendations of the Secretary.

22 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

23 *This Act may be cited as the “Medgar Evers House*
 24 *Study Act”.*

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 *In this Act:*

3 (1) *SECRETARY.*—*The term “Secretary” means*
 4 *the Secretary of the Interior.*

5 (2) *STUDY AREA.*—*The term “study area” means*
 6 *the home of the late civil rights activist Medgar Evers,*
 7 *located at 2332 Margaret Walker Alexander Drive in*
 8 *Jackson, Mississippi.*

9 **SEC. 3. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.**

10 (a) *STUDY.*—*The Secretary shall conduct a special re-*
 11 *source study of the study area.*

12 (b) *CONTENTS.*—*In conducting the study under sub-*
 13 *section (a), the Secretary shall—*

14 (1) *evaluate the national significance of the*
 15 *study area;*

16 (2) *determine the suitability and feasibility of*
 17 *designating the study area as a unit of the National*
 18 *Park System;*

19 (3) *consider other alternatives for preservation,*
 20 *protection, and interpretation of the study area by the*
 21 *Federal Government, State or local government enti-*
 22 *ties, or private and nonprofit organizations;*

23 (4) *consult with interested Federal agencies,*
 24 *State or local governmental entities, private and non-*
 25 *profit organizations, or any other interested individ-*
 26 *uals; and*

1 (5) *identify cost estimates for any Federal acqui-*
2 *sition, development, interpretation, operation, and*
3 *maintenance associated with the alternatives.*

4 (c) *APPLICABLE LAW.*—*The study required under sub-*
5 *section (a) shall be conducted in accordance with section*
6 *100507 of title 54, United States Code.*

7 (d) *REPORT.*—*Not later than 3 years after the date*
8 *on which funds are first made available for the study under*
9 *subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee*
10 *on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and*
11 *the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Sen-*
12 *ate a report that describes—*

13 (1) *the results of the study; and*

14 (2) *any conclusions and recommendations of the*
15 *Secretary.*

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