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2D SESSION

H. R. 3201

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 22, 2000

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Carter G. Woodson Home in the District of Columbia as a National Historic Site, and for other purposes.

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 “Carter G. Woodson
3 Home National Historic Site Study Act of 2000”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) Dr. Carter G. Woodson, cognizant of the
7 widespread ignorance and scanty information con-
8 cerning the history of African Americans, founded
9 on September 9, 1915, the Association for the Study
10 of Negro Life and History, since renamed the Asso-
11 ciation for the Study of African-American Life and
12 History.

13 (2) The Association was founded in particular
14 to counter racist propaganda alleging black inferi-
15 ority and the pervasive influence of Jim Crow preva-
16 lent at the time.

17 (3) The mission of the Association was and con-
18 tinues to be educating the American public of the
19 contributions of Black Americans in the formation of
20 the Nation’s history and culture.

21 (4) Dr. Woodson dedicated nearly his entire
22 adult life to every aspect of the Association’s oper-
23 ations in furtherance of its mission.

24 (5) Among the notable accomplishments of the
25 Association under Dr. Woodson’s leadership, Negro
26 History Week was instituted in 1926 to be cele-

1 brated annually during the second week of February.
2 Negro History Week has since evolved into Black
3 History Month.

4 (6) The headquarters and center of operations
5 of the Association was Dr. Woodson's residence, lo-
6 cated at 1538 Ninth Street, Northwest, Washington,
7 D.C.

8 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

9 For purposes of this Act, the term "Secretary"
10 means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the
11 Director of the National Park Service.

12 **SEC. 4. STUDY.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after
14 the date on which funds are made available for such pur-
15 pose, the Secretary, after consultation with the Mayor of
16 the District of Columbia, shall submit to the Committee
17 on Resources of the United States House of Representa-
18 tives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
19 sources of the United States Senate a resource study of
20 the Dr. Carter G. Woodson Home and headquarters of
21 the Association for the Study of African-American Life
22 and History, located at 1538 Ninth Street, Northwest,
23 Washington, D.C.

24 (b) CONTENTS.—The study under subsection (a)
25 shall—

1 (1) identify suitability and feasibility of desig-
2 nating the Carter G. Woodson Home as a unit of
3 the National Park System; and

4 (2) include cost estimates for any necessary ac-
5 quisition, development, operation and maintenance,
6 and identification of alternatives for the manage-
7 ment, administration, and protection of the Carter
8 G. Woodson Home.

9 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
11 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

 Passed the House of Representatives February 15,
2000.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.