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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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## AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the site commonly known as Eagledale Ferry Dock at Taylor Avenue in the State of Washington for potential inclusion in the National Park System.

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; FINDINGS.**

2 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the  
3 “Bainbridge Island Japanese-American Memorial Study  
4 Act of 2002”.

5 (b) **FINDINGS.**—The Congress finds the following:

6 (1) During World War II on February 19,  
7 1942, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed  
8 Executive Order 9066, setting in motion the forced  
9 exile of more than 110,000 Japanese Americans.

10 (2) In Washington State, 12,892 men, women  
11 and children of Japanese ancestry experienced three  
12 years of incarceration, an incarceration violating the  
13 most basic freedoms of American citizens.

14 (3) On March 30, 1942, 227 Bainbridge Island  
15 residents were the first Japanese Americans in  
16 United States history to be forcibly removed from  
17 their homes by the U.S. Army and sent to intern-  
18 ment camps. They boarded the ferry Kehloken from  
19 the former Eagledale Ferry Dock, located at the end  
20 of Taylor Avenue, in the city of Bainbridge Island,  
21 Washington State.

22 (4) The city of Bainbridge Island has adopted  
23 a resolution stating that this site should be a Na-  
24 tional Memorial, and similar resolutions have been  
25 introduced in the Washington State Legislature.

1           (5) Both the Minidoka National Monument and  
2           Manzanar National Historic Site can clearly tell the  
3           story of a time in our Nation’s history when con-  
4           stitutional rights were ignored. These camps by de-  
5           sign were placed in very remote places and are not  
6           easily accessible. Bainbridge Island is a short ferry  
7           ride from Seattle and the site would be within easy  
8           reach of many more people.

9           (6) This is a unique opportunity to create a site  
10          that will honor those who suffered, cherish the  
11          friends and community who stood beside them and  
12          welcomed them home, and inspire all to stand firm  
13          in the event our nation again succumbs to similar  
14          fears.

15          (7) The site should be recognized by the Na-  
16          tional Park Service based on its high degree of na-  
17          tional significance, association with significant  
18          events, and integrity of its location and setting. This  
19          site is critical as an anchor for future efforts to  
20          identify, interpret, serve, and ultimately honor the  
21          Nikkei—persons of Japanese ancestry—influence on  
22          Bainbridge Island.

1 **SEC. 2. EAGLEDALE FERRY DOCK LOCATION AT TAYLOR**  
2 **AVENUE STUDY AND REPORT.**

3 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Interior shall carry  
4 out a special resource study regarding the national signifi-  
5 cance, suitability, and feasibility of designating as a unit  
6 of the National Park System the property commonly  
7 known as the Eagledale Ferry Dock at Taylor Avenue and  
8 the historical events associated with it, located in the town  
9 of Bainbridge Island, Kitsap County, Washington.

10 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after funds are  
11 first made available for the study under subsection (a),  
12 the Secretary of the Interior shall submit to the Com-  
13 mittee on Resources of the House of Representatives and  
14 the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the  
15 Senate a report describing the findings, conclusions, and  
16 recommendations of the study.

17 (c) REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDY.—Except as other-  
18 wise provided in this section, the study under subsection  
19 (a) shall be conducted in accordance with section 8(c) of  
20 Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5(c)).

Passed the House of Representatives November 15  
(legislative day, November 14), 2002.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

*Clerk.*