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To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Virginia Key Beach, Florida, for possible inclusion in the National Park System.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 2, 2001

Mr. NELSON of Florida 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. STUDY AND REPORT.**

4 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Interior (referred
5 to in this Act as “the Secretary”) shall conduct a study
6 of Virginia Key Beach in Biscayne Bay, Florida, which
7 was used for recreation by African-Americans at a time
8 when public beaches were racially segregated by law, to
9 evaluate—

1 (1) the national significance of the site; and

2 (2) the suitability and feasibility of establishing
3 the site as a unit of the National Park System.

4 (b) CRITERIA.—In conducting the study under sub-
5 section (a), the Secretary shall use the criteria for the
6 study of areas for potential inclusion in the National Park
7 System under section 8 of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C.
8 1a–5).

9 (c) REPORT.—On completion of the study, the Sec-
10 retary shall submit to Congress a report that describes—

11 (1) the findings of the study; and

12 (2) the conclusions and any recommendations of
13 the Secretary.

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