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# S. 1573

To redesignate the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge in the State of Louisiana as the “Theodore Roosevelt-Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge”.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 2, 2003

Mr. BREAUX introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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## A BILL

To redesignate the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge in the State of Louisiana as the “Theodore Roosevelt-Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge”.

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 “Theodore Roosevelt-  
5       Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge Act of 2003”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress finds that—

1           (1) the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge,  
2           located in Madison, Tensas, and Franklin Parishes,  
3           Louisiana—

4                   (A) was established in 1980; and

5                   (B) consists of 64,012 acres;

6           (2) the refuge is in the upper basin of the  
7           Tensas River in northeast Louisiana, the last docu-  
8           mented home of the ivory-billed woodpecker;

9           (3) the refuge is home to 1 of the last con-  
10          centrations of the threatened Louisiana black bear;

11          (4) in 1907, Teddy Roosevelt hunted bear just  
12          north of the refuge boundary and the “Teddy Bear”  
13          was introduced as a result of an incident during the  
14          hunt;

15          (5) the refuge supports—

16                   (A) several rookeries; and

17                   (B) concentrations of ducks, geese,  
18                   raptors, wading birds, and shorebirds;

19          (6) the refuge was established to—

20                   (A) preserve and develop environmental re-  
21                   sources;

22                   (B) conserve the diversity of fish and wild-  
23                   life (including fish and wildlife habitat); and

24                   (C) develop outdoor recreation opportuni-  
25                   ties and interpretive education;

1           (7) the refuge uses several management tools to  
 2           accomplish the purposes for which it was estab-  
 3           lished, including—

4                   (A) water management for waterfowl, wad-  
 5                   ing birds, and shorebirds;

6                   (B) cooperative farming to provide habitat  
 7                   for migratory birds and Louisiana black bears;

8                   (C) forest habitat management for bears,  
 9                   neotropical birds, and other forest dwelling spe-  
 10                  cies;

11                  (D) education and interpretation;

12                  (E) deer management with public hunting;

13                  (F) law enforcement for the protection of  
 14                  the public and the resources of the Refuge; and

15                  (G) partnerships to make programs eco-  
 16                  system in scope; and

17           (8) the refuge provides several public use oppor-  
 18           tunities, including trails, an auto tour route, fishing,  
 19           2 observation towers, wildlife observation, photog-  
 20           raphy, and hunting (including youth hunts).

21 **SEC. 3. THEODORE ROOSEVELT-TENSAS RIVER NATIONAL**  
 22 **WILDLIFE REFUGE.**

23           (a) DESIGNATION.—The Tensas River National  
 24 Wildlife Refuge, located in Tensas, Franklin, and Madison  
 25 Parishes, Louisiana, shall be known and designated as the

1 “Theodore Roosevelt-Tensas River National Wildlife Ref-  
2 uge”.

3 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-  
4 ulation, document, paper, or other document of the United  
5 States to the refuge referred to in subsection (a) shall be  
6 deemed to be a reference to the Theodore Roosevelt-  
7 Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge.

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