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[Report No. 108-20]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of César Estrada Chávez and the farm labor movement.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 15, 2003

Mr. MCCAIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

MARCH 19, 2003

Reported by Mr. DOMENICI, with an amendment

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A BILL

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of César Estrada Chávez and the farm labor movement.

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 “~~César Estrada Chávez~~
5 ~~Study Act~~”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that—

3 (1) on March 31, 1927, César Estrada Chávez
4 was born on a small farm near Yuma, Arizona;

5 (2) at age 10, Chávez and his family became
6 migrant farm workers after they lost their farm in
7 the Great Depression;

8 (3) throughout his youth and into adulthood,
9 Chávez migrated across the Southwest, laboring in
10 fields and vineyards;

11 (4) during this period, Chávez was exposed to
12 the hardships and injustices of farm worker life;

13 (5) in 1952, Chávez's life as an organizer and
14 public servant began when he left the fields and
15 joined the Community Service Organization, a com-
16 munity-based self-help organization;

17 (6) while with the Community Service Organi-
18 zation, Chávez conducted—

19 (A) voter registration drives; and

20 (B) campaigns against racial and economic
21 discrimination;

22 (7) during the late 1950's and early 1960's,
23 Chávez served as the national director of the Com-
24 munity Service Organization;

25 (8) in 1962, Chávez founded the National Farm
26 Workers Association, an organization that—

1 (A) was the first successful farm workers
2 union in the United States; and

3 (B) became known as the “United Farm
4 Workers of America”;

5 (9) from 1962 to 1993, as leader of United
6 Farm Workers of America, Chávez achieved for tens
7 of thousands of farm workers—

8 (A) dignity and respect;

9 (B) fair wages;

10 (C) medical coverage;

11 (D) pension benefits;

12 (E) humane living conditions; and

13 (F) other rights and protections;

14 (10) the leadership and humanitarianism of
15 César Chávez continue to influence and inspire mil-
16 lions of citizens of the United States to seek social
17 justice and civil rights for the poor and
18 disenfranchised; and

19 (11) the life of César Chávez and his family
20 provides an outstanding opportunity to illustrate and
21 interpret the history of agricultural labor in the
22 western United States.

23 **SEC. 3. RESOURCE STUDY.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the
25 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior

1 (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”) shall com-
2 plete a resource study of sites in the State of Arizona,
3 the State of California, and other States that are signifi-
4 cant to the life of César E. Chávez and the farm labor
5 movement in the western United States to determine—

6 (1) appropriate methods for preserving and in-
7 terpreting the sites; and

8 (2) whether any of the sites meets the criteria
9 for listing on the National Register of Historic
10 Places or designation as a national historic land-
11 mark under—

12 (A) the Act of August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C.
13 461 et seq.); and

14 (B) the National Historic Preservation Act
15 (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

16 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—In conducting the study under
17 subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

18 (1) consider the criteria for the study of areas
19 for potential inclusion in the National Park System
20 under section 8(b)(2) of Public Law 91-383 (16
21 U.S.C. 1a-5(b)(2)); and

22 (2) consult with—

23 (A) the César E. Chávez Foundation;

24 (B) the United Farm Workers Union;

1 ~~(C)~~ State and local historical associations
2 and societies; and

3 ~~(D)~~ the State Historic Preservation Offi-
4 cers of the State of Arizona, the State of Cali-
5 fornia, and any other State in which a site de-
6 scribed in subsection (a) is located.

7 ~~(e)~~ REPORT.—On completion of the study under sub-
8 section (a), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee
9 on Resources of the House of Representatives and the
10 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Sen-
11 ate a report on—

12 ~~(1)~~ the findings of the study; and

13 ~~(2)~~ any recommendations of the Secretary.

14 ~~(d)~~ AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
15 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
16 essary to carry out this Act.

17 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

18 *This Act may be cited as the “César Estrada Chávez*
19 *Study Act”.*

20 **SEC. 2. RESOURCE STUDY.**

21 ~~(a)~~ *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 3 years after funds
22 are made available to implement this Act, the Secretary of
23 the Interior (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”)
24 shall complete a resource study of sites in the State of Ari-
25 zona, the State of California, and other States that are sig-

1 *nificant to the life of César E. Chávez and the farm labor*
2 *movement in the western United States to determine appro-*
3 *priate methods for preserving and interpreting the sites;*
4 *and to determine whether any of the sites meets the criteria*
5 *for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or*
6 *designation as a national historic landmark under the Act*
7 *of August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 461 et seq.); and the National*
8 *Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).*

9 **(b) REQUIREMENTS.**—*In conducting the study the Sec-*
10 *retary shall consider the criteria for the study of areas of*
11 *potential inclusion in the National Park System under sec-*
12 *tion 8(b)(2) of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5(b)(2)).*

13 **(c) CONSULTATION.**—*In conducting the study the Sec-*
14 *retary shall consult with—*

15 **(1)** *the César E. Chávez Foundation;*

16 **(2)** *the United Farm Workers Union; and*

17 **(3)** *State and local historical associations and*
18 *societies, including State Historic Preservation Of-*
19 *fices in the State where a site is located.*

20 **(d) REPORT.**—*On completion of the study the Sec-*
21 *retary shall submit to the Committee on Resources of the*
22 *House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and*
23 *Natural Resources of the Senate a report on the findings*
24 *of the study and any recommendations.*

1 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 *There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as*

3 *may be necessary to carry out this Act.*

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