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H. R. 8301

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of re-establishing the New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTER of Louisiana introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “New Orleans Jazz Na-
5 tional Historical Park Study Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) PARK.—The term “Park” means the “New
9 Orleans Jazz National Historical Park”.

1 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of the Interior.

3 (3) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area”
4 means the study area described in section 3(b).

5 **SEC. 3. STUDY.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation
7 with State historic preservation officers, State historical
8 societies, State tourism offices, and other appropriate or-
9 ganizations or agencies, shall conduct a study to assess
10 the suitability and feasibility of designating the study area
11 as the New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park.

12 (b) DESCRIPTION OF STUDY AREA.—The study area
13 shall include the portion of the New Orleans Jazz National
14 Historical Park and surrounding areas that are comprised
15 of the following:

16 (1) Louis Armstrong Park.

17 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—The study shall include anal-
18 ysis, documentation, and determinations on whether the
19 study area—

20 (1) has an assemblage of natural, historic, and
21 cultural resources that—

22 (A) represent distinctive aspects of the her-
23 itage of the United States;

24 (B) are worthy of recognition, conserva-
25 tion, interpretation, and continuing use; and

1 (C) would be best managed—

2 (i) through partnerships among public
3 and private entities; and

4 (ii) by linking diverse and sometimes
5 noncontiguous resources and active com-
6 munities;

7 (2) reflects traditions, customs, beliefs, and
8 folklife that are a valuable part of the story of the
9 United States;

10 (3) provides—

11 (A) outstanding opportunities to conserve
12 natural, historic, cultural, or scenic features;
13 and

14 (B) outstanding recreational and edu-
15 cational opportunities;

16 (4) contains resources that—

17 (A) are important to any identified themes
18 of the study area; and

19 (B) retain a degree of integrity capable of
20 supporting interpretation;

21 (5) includes residents, business interests, non-
22 profit organizations, and State and local govern-
23 ments that—

24 (A) are involved in the planning of the
25 Park;

1 (B) have developed a conceptual financial
2 plan that outlines the roles of all participants in
3 the Park, including the Federal Government;
4 and

5 (C) have demonstrated support for the des-
6 ignation of the Park;

7 (6) has a potential management entity to work
8 in partnership with the individuals and entities de-
9 scribed in paragraph (5) to develop the Park while
10 encouraging State and local economic activity; and

11 (7) has a conceptual boundary map that is sup-
12 ported by the public.

13 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

14 Not later than the 3d fiscal year after the date on
15 which funds are first made available to carry out this Act,
16 the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Natural
17 Resources of the House of Representatives and the Com-
18 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate
19 a report that describes—

20 (1) the findings of the study; and

21 (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the
22 Secretary.

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