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H. R. 3100

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to expand the boundary of the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 5, 2011

Mr. CANSECO (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. CUELLAR, and Mr. GONZALEZ) 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 “San Antonio Missions
5 National Historical Park Boundary Expansion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

1 (1) the San Antonio Missions National Histor-
 2 ical Park is important to understanding the history
 3 and development of the City of San Antonio, Bexar
 4 County, the State of Texas, and the United States;

5 (2) understanding the connection between the
 6 San Antonio River and the San Antonio Missions is
 7 critical to understanding mission life in colonial
 8 Texas; and

9 (3) the San Antonio Missions National Histor-
 10 ical Park enjoys the strong support of the City of
 11 San Antonio, Bexar County, and their citizens and
 12 businesses.

13 **SEC. 3. BOUNDARY STUDY.**

14 Section 201 of Public Law 95–629 (16 U.S.C. 410ee)
 15 is amended—

16 (1) by redesignating subsections (b), (c), (d),
 17 (e), and (f) as subsections (c), (e), (f), (g), and (h)
 18 respectively; and

19 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
 20 lowing new subsection:

21 “(b)(1) The Secretary shall—

22 “(A) conduct a study of lands within Bexar and
 23 Wilson Counties, Texas, to identify lands that would
 24 be suitable for inclusion within the boundaries of the
 25 park;

1 “(B) in conducting the study, examine the nat-
2 ural, cultural, recreational, and scenic values and
3 characteristics of lands within Bexar and Wilson
4 Counties;

5 “(C) examine and include in the study an esti-
6 mate of the costs the Federal Government is ex-
7 pected to incur, such as estimates of funding needed
8 to acquire additional land, and the amount of addi-
9 tional funding that the Secretary anticipates will be
10 needed to operate the San Antonio Missions Na-
11 tional Historical Park should the land identified in
12 the study be acquired; and

13 “(D) examine and denote in the study those
14 lands in Bexar and Wilson Counties, Texas, that the
15 Secretary has good reason to believe could be ac-
16 quired by donation.

17 “(2) Not later than 3 years after the date funds are
18 made available for the study under paragraph (1), the Sec-
19 retary shall submit to the Committee on Natural Re-
20 sources of the House of Representatives and the Com-
21 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate
22 a report on the findings, conclusions, and recommenda-
23 tions of the study.”.

1 **SEC. 4. BOUNDARY EXPANSION.**

2 Section 201(a) of Public Law 95–629 (16 U.S.C.
3 410ee(a)) is amended—

4 (1) by striking “In order” and inserting “(1) In
5 order”;

6 (2) by striking “The park shall also” and in-
7 serting “(2) The park shall also”;

8 (3) by striking “After advising the” and insert-
9 ing “(4) After advising the”;

10 (4) by inserting after paragraph (2) (as so des-
11 ignated by paragraph (2) above) the following:

12 “(3) The boundary of the park is further modi-
13 fied to include approximately 151 acres, as depicted
14 on the map titled ‘San Antonio Missions National
15 Historical Park Proposed Boundary Addition 2009’,
16 numbered 472/468,027, and dated November 2009.
17 The map shall be on file and available for inspection
18 in the appropriate offices of the National Park Serv-
19 ice, U.S. Department of the Interior. The Secretary
20 of the Interior may not use condemnation authority
21 to acquire any lands or interests in lands under this
22 Act.”.

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