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H. R. 5723

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the site of Camp Nelson War Heritage Park in Jessamine County, Kentucky, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 29, 2006

Mr. CHANDLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on 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 “Camp Nelson Civil
5 War Heritage Park Study Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Camp Nelson was founded in 1863 as a
2 Union Army supply depot, training center, and hos-
3 pital for the Federal armies operating in Kentucky
4 and eastern Tennessee.

5 (2) The camp covered approximately 4,000
6 acres with over 300 buildings and 8 fortifications. It
7 housed between 2,000 and 8,000 troops, over 1,000
8 employees, and nearly 4,000 African American refu-
9 gees.

10 (3) Three units of the Kentucky Army and
11 parts of 8 units of the Tennessee Army were orga-
12 nized in Camp Nelson from 1863 to 1864.

13 (4) Camp Nelson is currently recognized on the
14 National Register of Historic Places and is a part of
15 the Civil War Discovery Trail.

16 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

17 In this Act:

18 (1) The term “study area” means the area
19 comprised of the approximately 525 acres owned and
20 administered by Jessamine County, Kentucky, and
21 known as the Camp Nelson Civil War Heritage
22 Park.

23 (2) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
24 of the Interior.

1 **SEC. 4. STUDY; REPORT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct a
3 study of the site of Camp Nelson Civil War Heritage Park,
4 Jessamine County, Kentucky. The study shall evaluate the
5 national significance, suitability, and feasibility of estab-
6 lishing the site of Camp Nelson Civil War Heritage Park
7 as a unit of the National Park System.

8 (b) CRITERIA.—In conducting the study authorized
9 by this Act, the Secretary shall use the criteria for the
10 study of areas for potential inclusion in the National Park
11 System in section 8 of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–
12 5; popularly known as the “National Park System General
13 Authorities Act”).

14 (c) CONTENTS.—The study under subsection (a)
15 shall—

16 (1) determine the suitability and feasibility of
17 designating the study area as a unit of the National
18 Park System;

19 (2) include cost estimates for any necessary ac-
20 quisition, development, operation, and maintenance
21 of the study area; and

22 (3) identify alternatives for the management,
23 administration, and protection of the study area.

24 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
25 funds are made available for the study, the Secretary shall
26 submit to the Committee on Resources of the House of

1 Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Nat-
2 ural Resources of the Senate a report on the findings, con-
3 clusions, and recommendations of the study.

