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H. R. 9148

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Scipio A. Jones House in Little Rock, Arkansas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HILL of Arkansas 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 “Scipio Jones House
5 Assessment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

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

1 (2) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area”
2 means the Scipio A. Jones House in Little Rock, Ar-
3 kansas.

4 **SEC. 3. SCIPIO A. JONES HOUSE SPECIAL RESOURCE**
5 **STUDY.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct a
7 special resource study of the study area.

8 (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-
9 section (a), the Secretary shall—

10 (1) evaluate the national significance of the
11 study area;

12 (2) determine the suitability and feasibility of—

13 (A) designating the study area as a Na-
14 tional Historic Landmark or Affiliated Area of
15 the National Park System; and

16 (B) including the study area as a part of
17 the Little Rock Central High School National
18 Historic Site;

19 (3) consider other alternatives for preservation,
20 protection, and interpretation of the study area by
21 the Federal Government, State or local government
22 entities, Tribes, or private and nonprofit organiza-
23 tions;

24 (4) consult with interested Federal agencies,
25 State or local governmental entities, Tribes, private

1 and nonprofit organizations, or any other interested
2 individuals; and

3 (5) identify cost estimates for any Federal ac-
4 quisition, development, interpretation, operation, and
5 maintenance associated with the alternatives.

6 (c) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study required under
7 subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with sec-
8 tion 100507 of title 54, United States Code, except that
9 the study shall not consider any options that involve Fed-
10 eral acquisition of lands, interests in lands, or any other
11 property related to the study area.

12 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
13 on which funds are first made available to carry out the
14 study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to
15 the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
16 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural
17 Resources of the Senate a report that describes—

18 (1) the results of the study; and

19 (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the
20 Secretary.

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