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To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the General of the Army George Catlett Marshall National Historic Site at Dodona Manor in Leesburg, Virginia, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WEBB introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and 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 “George C. Marshall
5 National Historic Site Study Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

1 (1) General George Catlett Marshall and his
2 wife Katherine owned Dodona Manor during Mar-
3 shall's tenure as—

4 (A) the Army's Chief of Staff from 1939
5 to 1945;

6 (B) the Secretary of State from 1947 to
7 1948; and

8 (C) Secretary of Defense from 1950 to
9 1951;

10 (2) General Marshall served in the Federal
11 Government during a period in which the United
12 States faced the challenges of—

13 (A) fighting and winning a world war; and

14 (B) developing a global recovery plan to
15 defend the free world from the emerging Cold
16 War;

17 (3) Dodona Manor—

18 (A) was built in 3 stages; and

19 (B) has been impeccably restored to mu-
20 seum standards with the original Marshall fur-
21 nishing;

22 (4) the impeccable restoration of Dodona
23 Manor preserves the integrity of the homelife of
24 General Marshall so that Dodona Manor accurately

1 presents a picture of an American hero to present
2 and future generations;

3 (5) during his time at Dodona Manor, General
4 Marshall was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for
5 leadership and actions that have relevance in the
6 current troubling times; and

7 (6) Dodona Manor—

8 (A) displays in a pastoral and educational
9 format how the Marshall family solely dedicated
10 themselves to public service while living in har-
11 mony with the heritage of Virginia; and

12 (B) shows how Marshall embraced his per-
13 sonal passion of gardening in a way that would
14 inspire visitors.

15 **SEC. 3. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.**

16 (a) **STUDY.**—The Secretary of the Interior (referred
17 to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall conduct a special
18 resource study of the Dodona Manor and gardens in Lees-
19 burg, Virginia, the home of George C. Marshall during the
20 most important period of Marshall’s career (referred to
21 in this Act as the “study area”).

22 (b) **CONTENTS.**—In conducting the study under sub-
23 section (a), the Secretary shall—

24 (1) evaluate the national significance of the
25 study area and the surrounding area;

1 (2) determine the suitability and feasibility of
2 designating the study area as an affiliated area of
3 the National Park System;

4 (3) consider other alternatives for the preserva-
5 tion, protection, and interpretation of the study area
6 by—

7 (A) the Federal Government;

8 (B) State or local governmental entities; or

9 (C) private or nonprofit organizations;

10 (4) consult with interested—

11 (A) Federal, State, or local governmental
12 entities;

13 (B) private or nonprofit organizations; or

14 (C) any other interested individuals; and

15 (5) identify cost estimates for any Federal ac-
16 quisition, development, interpretation, operation, and
17 maintenance associated with the alternatives consid-
18 ered under paragraph (3).

19 (c) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study required under
20 subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with sec-
21 tion 8 of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5).

22 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
23 on which funds are first made available to carry out the
24 study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to
25 the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the

1 Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the
2 House of Representatives a report that contains a descrip-
3 tion of—

4 (1) the results of the study; and

5 (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the

6 Secretary.

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