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To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, Ohio, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 14, 2011

Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN) 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 “Colonel Charles Young
5 Home Study Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

1 (1) Colonel Charles Young was—

2 (A) a distinguished African-American offi-
3 cer in the United States Army;

4 (B) the third African-American to grad-
5 uate from West Point;

6 (C) a commander of troops in combat in—

7 (i) the Spanish-American War; and

8 (ii) the Mexican expedition against
9 Pancho Villa;

10 (D) 1 of the first military attachés in the
11 United States; and

12 (E) a pioneer of techniques in military in-
13 telligence;

14 (2) the experience of Colonel Young in the
15 Army between 1884 and 1922 illustrates the chang-
16 ing nature of race relations in the United States
17 during a period spanning from the end of the Civil
18 War to the beginning of the Civil Rights movement;

19 (3) Colonel Young was a friend and associate of
20 other distinguished African-Americans of the period,
21 including poet Paul Laurence Dunbar from nearby
22 Dayton, Ohio;

23 (4) as the commander of an Army unit assigned
24 to protect and develop Sequoia National Park and
25 General Grant National Park in the State of Cali-

1 fornia, Colonel Young is recognized as the first Afri-
2 can-American to be the Superintendent of a Na-
3 tional Park; and

4 (5) the home of Colonel Young located near
5 Xenia, Ohio, is—

6 (A) a National Historic Landmark; and

7 (B) closely associated with—

8 (i) Wilberforce University, a histori-
9 cally Black university at which Colonel
10 Young served as Professor of Military
11 Science; and

12 (ii) Central State University, which
13 is—

14 (I) a historically Black univer-
15 sity; and

16 (II) the location of the National
17 Afro-American Museum and Cultural
18 Center.

19 **SEC. 3. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.**

20 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Interior (referred
21 to in this Act as the “Secretary”), in consultation with
22 the Secretary of the Army, shall conduct a special resource
23 study of the Colonel Charles Young Home, a National His-
24 toric Landmark in Xenia, Ohio (referred to in this Act
25 as the “Home”).

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

3 (1) evaluate any architectural and archeological
4 resources of the Home;

5 (2) determine the suitability and feasibility of
6 designating the Home as a unit of the National
7 Park System;

8 (3) consider other alternatives for preservation,
9 protection, and interpretation of the Home by Fed-
10 eral, State, or local governmental entities or private
11 and nonprofit organizations, including the use of
12 shared management agreements with the Dayton
13 Aviation Heritage National Historical Park or spe-
14 cific units of that Park, such as the Paul Laurence
15 Dunbar Home;

16 (4) consult with the Ohio Historical Society,
17 Central State University, Wilberforce University,
18 and other interested Federal, State, or local govern-
19 mental entities, private and nonprofit organizations,
20 or individuals; and

21 (5) identify cost estimates for any Federal ac-
22 quisition, development, interpretation, operation, and
23 maintenance associated with the alternatives consid-
24 ered under the study.

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

4 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
5 on which funds are first made available for the study
6 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the
7 Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural
9 Resources of the Senate a report that contains—

10 (1) the results of the study under subsection

11 (a); and

12 (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the
13 Secretary.

14 (e) FUNDING.—The study authorized under this sec-
15 tion shall be carried out using existing funds of the Na-
16 tional Park Service.

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