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S. 3241

To establish the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians and Jefferson College as affiliated areas of the Natchez Historical Park, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. HYDE-SMITH 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 “Grand Village of the
5 Natchez Indians and Jefferson College Affiliated Areas
6 Establishment Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this Act:

1 (1) AFFILIATED AREA.—The term “affiliated
2 area” means an affiliated area of the Park estab-
3 lished by section 3(a)(1).

4 (2) MANAGEMENT ENTITY.—The term “man-
5 agement entity” means the management entity for
6 the affiliated areas designated by section 3(d).

7 (3) PARK.—The term “Park” means the
8 Natchez National Historical Park.

9 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
10 the Secretary of the Interior.

11 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF AFFILIATED AREAS.**

12 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—On a determination by the
14 Secretary that the sites described in paragraph (2)
15 meet the criteria for designation as an affiliated
16 area, the sites are established as affiliated areas of
17 the Park to preserve, protect, and interpret for the
18 benefit of present and future generations resources
19 associated with the sites.

20 (2) DESCRIPTION OF SITES.—The sites referred
21 to in paragraph (1) are—

22 (A) the Grand Village of the Natchez Indi-
23 ans, which is a National Historic Landmark
24 and is listed on the National Register of His-
25 toric Places; and

1 (B) Jefferson College, which is listed on
2 the National Register of Historic Places.

3 (b) MAP.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after
5 the date of establishment of the affiliated areas, the
6 Secretary shall prepare a map depicting the bound-
7 aries of the affiliated areas.

8 (2) AVAILABILITY.—The map prepared under
9 paragraph (1) shall be on file and available for pub-
10 lic inspection in the appropriate offices of the Na-
11 tional Park Service.

12 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—The affiliated areas shall be
13 managed in accordance with—

14 (1) this Act; and

15 (2) any law generally applicable to units of the
16 National Park System.

17 (d) MANAGEMENT ENTITY.—The Mississippi Depart-
18 ment of Archives and History shall be the management
19 entity for the affiliated areas.

20 (e) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary
21 may provide technical assistance to, and enter into cooper-
22 ative agreements with, the management entity for the pur-
23 pose of providing financial assistance for the marketing,
24 marking, interpretation, and preservation of the affiliated
25 areas.

1 (f) LIMITED ROLE OF THE SECRETARY.—Nothing in
2 this Act authorizes the Secretary—

3 (1) to acquire property at the affiliated areas;

4 or

5 (2) to assume financial responsibility for the
6 operation, maintenance, or management of the affli-
7 ated areas.

8 (g) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consulta-
10 tion with the management entity, shall develop a
11 general management plan for the affiliated areas in
12 accordance with section 100502 of title 54, United
13 States Code.

14 (2) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 3 years after
15 the date of establishment of the affiliated areas, the
16 Secretary shall submit the management plan devel-
17 oped under paragraph (1) to—

18 (A) the Committee on Energy and Natural
19 Resources of the Senate; and

20 (B) the Committee on Natural Resources
21 of the House of Representatives.

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