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S. 961

To redesignate the Salem Maritime National Historic Site in Salem, Massachusetts, as the “Salem Maritime National Historical Park”, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 23, 2023

Mr. MARKEY 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 “Salem Maritime Na-
5 tional Historical Park Redesignation and Boundary Study
6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. SALEM MARITIME NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.**

8 (a) REDESIGNATION.—The Salem Maritime National
9 Historic Site in Salem, Massachusetts, shall be known and

1 designated as the “Salem Maritime National Historical
2 Park”.

3 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
4 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
5 States to the national historic site referred to in subsection
6 (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Salem Mari-
7 time National Historical Park”.

8 **SEC. 3. BOUNDARY STUDY.**

9 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
11 the Secretary of the Interior.

12 (2) STUDY AREA.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “study area”
14 means the city of Salem, Massachusetts, and
15 the vicinity of that city.

16 (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “study area”
17 includes—

18 (i) the Salem Armory Visitor Center
19 building; and

20 (ii) the park located adjacent to that
21 building, known as “Salem Armory Park”.

22 (b) STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a boundary
23 study to evaluate the suitability and feasibility of including
24 in the National Park System, as part of the Salem Mari-
25 time National Historical Park (as redesignated by section

1 2(a)), any sites and resources located in the study area
2 that are associated with—

- 3 (1) the maritime history of the study area;
- 4 (2) coastal defenses of the study area; or
- 5 (3) military history of the study area, including
6 National Guard and militia activity.

7 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
8 on which funds are initially made available to conduct the
9 study under subsection (b), the Secretary shall submit to
10 the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the
11 Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the
12 House of Representatives a report describing—

- 13 (1) the results of the study; and
- 14 (2) any findings, conclusions, and recommenda-
15 tions of the Secretary.

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