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# H. R. 2109

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Virginia Key Beach, Florida, for possible inclusion in the National Park System.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 7, 2001

Mrs. MEEK of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## 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. STUDY AND REPORT.**

4 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Interior (in this  
5 Act referred to as “the Secretary”) shall conduct a study  
6 of Virginia Key Beach in Biscayne Bay, Florida, which  
7 was used for recreation by African Americans at a time  
8 when public beaches were racially segregated by law. The  
9 study shall evaluate the national significance of the site

1 and the suitability and feasibility of establishing the site  
2 as a unit of the National Park System.

3 (b) CRITERIA.—In conducting the study required by  
4 subsection (a), the Secretary shall use the criteria for the  
5 study of areas for potential inclusion in the National Park  
6 System contained in section 8 of Public Law 91–383 (16  
7 U.S.C. 1a–5; popularly known as the National Park Sys-  
8 tem General Authorities Act).

9 (c) REPORT.—Upon completion of the study, the Sec-  
10 retary shall transmit to the Congress a report on the find-  
11 ings of the study and the conclusions and recommenda-  
12 tions of the Secretary.

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