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**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 1776
OFFERED BY MR. RADANOVICH**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the "Buffalo Bayou Na-
3 tional Heritage Area Study Act".

4 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE STUDY REGARDING BUF-
5 FALO BAYOU, TEXAS.**

6 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

7 (1) The area beginning at Shepherd Drive in
8 west Houston, Texas, and extending to the Turning
9 Basin, commonly referred to as the "Buffalo
10 Bayou", made a unique contribution to the cultural,
11 political, and industrial development of the United
12 States.

13 (2) The Buffalo Bayou is distinctive as the first
14 spine of modern industrial development in Texas and
15 one of the first along the Gulf of Mexico coast.

16 (3) The Buffalo Bayou played a significant role
17 in the struggle for Texas independence.



1 (4) The Buffalo Bayou developed a prosperous
2 and productive shipping industry that survives
3 today.

4 (5) The Buffalo Bayou led in the development
5 of Texas' petrochemical industry that made Houston
6 the center of the early oil boom in America.

7 (6) The Buffalo Bayou developed a sophisti-
8 cated shipping system, leading to the formation of
9 the modern day Houston Ship Channel.

10 (7) The Buffalo Bayou developed a significant
11 industrial base, and served as the focal point for the
12 new city of Houston.

13 (8) There is a longstanding commitment by the
14 Buffalo Bayou Partnership, Inc., to complete the
15 Buffalo Bayou Trail along the 12-mile segment of
16 the Buffalo Bayou.

17 (9) There is a need for assistance for the pres-
18 ervation and promotion of the significance of the
19 Buffalo Bayou as a system for transportation, in-
20 dustry, commerce, and immigration.

21 (10) The Department of the Interior is respon-
22 sible for protecting the Nation's cultural and histor-
23 ical resources. There are significant examples of
24 such resources within the Buffalo Bayou region to
25 merit the involvement of the Federal Government in



1 the development of programs and projects, in co-
2 operation with the Buffalo Bayou Partnership, Inc.,
3 the State of Texas, and other local and govern-
4 mental entities, to adequately conserve, protect, and
5 interpret this heritage for future generations, while
6 providing opportunities for education and revitaliza-
7 tion.

8 (b) STUDY.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, in con-
10 sultation with the State of Texas, the City of Hous-
11 ton, and other appropriate organizations, carry out
12 a study regarding the suitability and feasibility of
13 establishing the Buffalo Bayou National Heritage
14 Area in Houston, Texas.

15 (2) CONTENTS.—The study shall include anal-
16 ysis and documentation regarding whether the Study
17 Area—

18 (A) has an assemblage of natural, historic, and
19 cultural resources that together represent distinctive
20 aspects of American heritage worthy of recognition,
21 conservation, interpretation, and continuing use, and
22 are best managed through partnerships among pub-
23 lic and private entities and by combining diverse and
24 sometimes noncontiguous resources and active com-
25 munities;



1 (B) reflects traditions, customs, beliefs, and
2 folklife that are a valuable part of the national story;

3 (C) provides outstanding opportunities to con-
4 serve natural, historic, cultural, or scenic features;

5 (D) provides outstanding recreational and edu-
6 cational opportunities;

7 (E) contains resources important to the identi-
8 fied theme or themes of the Study Area that retain
9 a degree of integrity capable of supporting interpre-
10 tation;

11 (F) includes residents, business interests, non-
12 profit organizations, and local and State govern-
13 ments that are involved in the planning, have devel-
14 oped a conceptual financial plan that outlines the
15 roles for all participants, including the Federal Gov-
16 ernment, and have demonstrated support for the
17 concept of a national heritage area;

18 (G) has a potential management entity to work
19 in partnership with residents, business interests,
20 nonprofit organizations, and local and State govern-
21 ments to develop a national heritage area consistent
22 with continued local and State economic activity;
23 and

24 (H) has a conceptual boundary map that is
25 supported by the public.



1 (c) BOUNDARIES OF THE STUDY AREA.—The Study
2 Area shall be comprised of sites in Houston, Texas, in an
3 area roughly bounded by Shepherd Drive and extending
4 to the Turning Basin, commonly referred to as the “Buf-
5 falo Bayou”.

6 (d) SUBMISSION OF STUDY RESULTS.—Not later
7 than 3 years after funds are first made available for this
8 section, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on
9 Resources of the House of Representatives and the Com-
10 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate
11 a report describing the results of the study.

