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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the Bay of Pigs and
Operation Mongoose Historical Site and Memorial
Study Group; establishing the Bay of Pigs and
Operation Mongoose Historical Site and Memorial
Study Group; providing for membership of the
study group; requiring the study group to
compile and submit a report; providing an
effective date.

WHEREAS, the main thrust of the Bay of Pigs invasion
was launched on April 17, 1961, from bases in Nicaragua
towards southern Cuba, and clandestine diversionary raids were
launched towards northern Cuba from the Florida Keys, and

WHEREAS, the 2506 Assault Brigade invasion force was
composed of approximately 1,500 Cuban expatriates, of which an
estimated 300 were killed and 1,179 were captured by the
Castro Forces, and

WHEREAS, after the failure of the Bay of Pigs invasion,
the United States commenced Operation Mongoose, which was a
clandestine plan designed to subvert the Cuban government
through sabotage, propaganda, and infiltration, and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that a memorial be erected to
recognize the members of the 2506 Assault Brigade who were
involved in the Bay of Pigs invasion, and Operation Mongoose
participants, many of whom were killed and all of whom risked
their lives in the attempts to free their homeland, NOW,
THEREFORE,

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

1 Section 1. There is created the Bay of Pigs and
2 Operation Mongoose Historical Site and Memorial Study Group,
3 composed of one representative each from the John Pennekamp
4 Coral Reef State Park, the Division of State Lands of the
5 Department of Environmental Protection, the Molasses Reef
6 Marina Corporation, the Bay of Pigs and Operation Mongoose
7 Historical Site and Memorial Nonprofit Corporation, and a
8 fifth member to be agreed upon by all of the other four
9 members. The study group shall compile a report on an
10 appropriate memorial to the cause and sacrifice of the
11 participants in the Bay of Pigs invasion and Operation
12 Mongoose. The report shall review and discuss any appropriate
13 sites for the memorial, its development, ongoing maintenance,
14 and appropriate funding sources for these activities. The
15 report shall be submitted to the Governor and Cabinet, sitting
16 as the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust
17 Fund, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
18 President of the Senate by December 31, 2000.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.
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