

FOR THE ERECTION OF A MEMORIAL TO DR. SAMUEL  
ALEXANDER MUDD

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Mr. WEARIN, from the Committee on the Public Lands, submitted  
the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. J. Res. 496]

The Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. J. Res. 496) for the erection of a memorial to Dr. Samuel Alexander Mudd, report favorably thereon with the recommendation that the resolution do pass the House.

Facts concerning the proposed legislation are set forth in the report of the Secretary of the Interior, dated April 16, 1936, which report is hereinbelow set out in full and made a part of this report.

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT,  
Washington, April 16, 1936.

HON. RENÉ L. DEROUEN,  
*Chairman, Committee on the Public Lands,  
House of Representatives.*

MY DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I have received your letter of March 2 requesting a report on H. J. Res. 496, entitled "Joint Resolution for the Erection of a Memorial to Dr. Samuel Alexander Mudd."

The proposal to place a tablet to the memory of Dr. Mudd on the ruins of Fort Jefferson appears to have merit in view of the outstanding services performed at Fort Jefferson by this member of the medical profession. This old fort is now being preserved as the Fort Jefferson National Monument to commemorate, among other things, the career of Dr. Mudd. It is believed, therefore, that the placing of this tablet would increase the historical interest of old Fort Jefferson.

Provision should be made in the bill for an adequate appropriation to cover the cost of purchase and placing of this tablet, and for this purpose it is thought that the sum of \$200 will be sufficient.

I have been advised by the Bureau of the Budget that there would be no objection to this proposed legislation.

I recommend that H. J. Res. 496 be given favorable consideration by the Congress.

Sincerely yours,

CHARLES WEST,  
*Acting Secretary of the Interior.*