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INDIANA DUNES

SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT ALMOST A DECADE AGO, THE INDIANA DUNES NATIONAL SEASHORE HAS PROVIDED A WIDE RANGE OF RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE AND AN EXCELLENT HABITAT FOR PLANTS AND WILDLIFE ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERN SHORE OF LAKE MICHIGAN. YET THE INDIANA DUNES HAS ALSO BEEN A POINT OF CONTROVERSY, BECAUSE MANY PEOPLE RECOGNIZED THAT IN PRESERVING THE UNIQUE QUALITIES OF THE AREA, MANY LANDS NEARBY ALSO NEEDED PROTECTION. TODAY I AM PLEASED TO SIGN INTO LAW SPECIAL LEGISLATION THAT WILL EXPAND THE ACREAGE OF INDIANA DUNES BY OVER ONE-THIRD. THIS IS A WELCOME STEP IN OUR EFFORTS TO INCREASE THE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.