## 115TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

## H. R. 5122

To amend the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977 to provide mandatory funding for grants to upgrade agricultural and food sciences facilities at 1890 land-grant colleges, including Tuskegee University.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 27, 2018

Mr. Lawson of Florida (for himself, Ms. Wilson of Florida, Mr. Bishop of Georgia, Ms. Norton, Mr. Hastings, Ms. Lee, and Ms. Bass) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

## 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. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "HBCU Parity Act of
- 5 2018".

| 1  | SEC. 2. GRANTS TO UPGRADE AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD         |
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| 2  | SCIENCES FACILITIES AT 1890 LAND-GRANT                  |
| 3  | COLLEGES, INCLUDING TUSKEGEE UNIVER-                    |
| 4  | SITY.   |
| 5  | Section 1447(b) of the Food and Agriculture Act of      |
| 6  | 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3222b(b)) is amended to read as follows: |
| 7  | "(b) Funding.—  |
| 8  | "(1) Authorization of appropriations.—                  |
| 9  | There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out     |
| 10 | this section \$50,000,000, to remain available until    |
| 11 | expended, for fiscal year 2018 and each fiscal year     |
| 12 | thereafter.   |
| 13 | "(2) Mandatory funding.—Of the funds of                 |
| 14 | the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary of      |
| 15 | Agriculture shall use to carry out this section         |
| 16 | \$50,000,000, to remain available until expended, for   |
| 17 | fiscal year 2018 and each fiscal year thereafter "      |

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