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To establish the Medgar Evers National Monument in the State of Mississippi, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mr. JONES) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 “Medgar Evers Home
5 National Monument Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) MONUMENT.—The term “Monument”
9 means the Medgar Evers Home National Monument
10 established by section 3.

1 (2) HISTORIC DISTRICT.—The term “Historic
2 District” means the Medgar Evers Historic District,
3 as included on the National Register of Historic
4 Places, and as generally depicted on the Map.

5 (3) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map en-
6 titled “Medgar Evers Home National Monument”,
7 numbered 515/142561, and dated February 2018.

8 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-
10 rector of the National Park Service.

11 (5) COLLEGE.—The term “College” means
12 Tougaloo College, a private educational institution
13 located in Tougaloo, Mississippi.

14 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF MEDGAR EVERS HOME NA-**
15 **TIONAL MONUMENT.**

16 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
18 there is established the Medgar Evers Home Na-
19 tional Monument in the State of Mississippi as a
20 unit of the National Park System to preserve, pro-
21 tect, and interpret for the benefit of present and fu-
22 ture generations resources associated with Medgar
23 Evers’ pivotal role in the American Civil Rights
24 Movement.

1 (2) CONDITIONS.—The Monument shall not be
2 established until the date on which the Secretary—

3 (A) has entered into a written agreement
4 with the College providing that all parcels with-
5 in the Medgar Evers Home National Monument
6 boundary as depicted on the Map shall be do-
7 nated to the United States for inclusion in the
8 Monument to be managed consistently with the
9 purposes of the Monument; and

10 (B) has otherwise acquired sufficient land
11 or interests in land within the boundaries of the
12 Monument to constitute a manageable unit.

13 (b) BOUNDARIES.—The boundaries of Monument
14 shall be the boundaries generally depicted on the Map.

15 (c) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The Map shall be on file
16 and available for public inspection in the appropriate of-
17 fices of the National Park Service.

18 (d) ACQUISITION OF AUTHORITY.—The Secretary
19 may only acquire any land or interest in land located with-
20 in the boundary of the Monument by—

21 (1) donation;

22 (2) purchase with donated funds; or

23 (3) exchange.

24 (e) ADMINISTRATION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall admin-
2 ister the Monument in accordance with—

3 (A) this Act; and

4 (B) the laws generally applicable to units
5 of the National Park System.

6 (2) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

7 (A) Not later than 3 years after the date
8 on which funds are first made available to the
9 Secretary for this purpose, the Secretary shall
10 prepare a general management plan for the
11 Monument in accordance with section 100502
12 of title 54, United States Code.

13 (B) On completion of the general manage-
14 ment plan under subparagraph (A), the Sec-
15 retary shall submit it to the Committee on Nat-
16 ural Resources of the House of Representatives
17 and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
18 sources of the Senate.

19 (f) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

20 (1) MONUMENT.—The Secretary shall enter
21 into a cooperative agreement with the College for in-
22 terpretive and educational programming related to
23 the Monument, and may enter into other cooperative
24 agreements for the purposes of carrying out this
25 Act.

1 (2) HISTORIC DISTRICT.—The Secretary may
2 enter into cooperative agreements with the owner of
3 a nationally significant property within the Historic
4 District, to identify, mark, interpret, improve, re-
5 store, and provide technical assistance with respect
6 to the preservation and interpretation of the prop-
7 erty.

8 (g) NO BUFFER ZONES.—Nothing in this Act, the
9 establishment of the Monument, or the management of the
10 Monument shall be construed to create buffer zones out-
11 side of the Monument. The fact that an activity or use
12 can be seen, heard, or detected from within the Monument
13 shall not preclude the conduct of that activity or use out-
14 side of the Monument.

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