

## Union Calendar No. 483

115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4895

**[Report No. 115-632]**

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

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 29, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi (for himself and Mr. BISHOP of Utah) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

APRIL 11, 2018

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 29, 2018]

# **A BILL**

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

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” means*  
9 *the Medgar Evers Home National Monument estab-*  
10 *lished by section 3.*

11            (2) *HISTORIC DISTRICT.*—*The term “Historic*  
12 *District” means the Medgar Evers Historic District,*  
13 *as included on the National Register of Historic*  
14 *Places, and as generally depicted on the Map.*

15            (3) *MAP.*—*The term “Map” means the map enti-*  
16 *tled “Medgar Evers Home National Monument”,*  
17 *numbered 515/142561, and dated February 2018.*

18            (4) *SECRETARY.*—*The term “Secretary” means*  
19 *the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-*  
20 *rector of the National Park Service.*

21            (5) *COLLEGE.*—*The term “College” means*  
22 *Tougaloo College, a private educational institution lo-*  
23 *cated in Tougaloo, Mississippi.*

1 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF MEDGAR EVERS HOME NA-**  
2 **TIONAL MONUMENT.**

3 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—

4 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Subject to paragraph (2),  
5 there is established the Medgar Evers Home National  
6 Monument in the State of Mississippi as a unit of the  
7 National Park System to preserve, protect, and inter-  
8 pret for the benefit of present and future generations  
9 resources associated with Medgar Evers’ pivotal role  
10 in the American Civil Rights Movement.

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

13 (A) has entered into a written agreement  
14 with the College providing that all parcels with-  
15 in the Medgar Evers Home National Monument  
16 boundary as depicted on the Map shall be do-  
17 nated to the United States for inclusion in the  
18 Monument to be managed consistently with the  
19 purposes of the Monument; and

20 (B) has otherwise acquired sufficient land  
21 or interests in land within the boundaries of the  
22 Monument to constitute a manageable unit.

23 (b) *BOUNDARIES.*—The boundaries of Monument shall  
24 be the boundaries generally depicted on the Map.

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

4           (d) *ACQUISITION OF AUTHORITY.*—*The Secretary may*  
5 *only acquire any land or interest in land located within*  
6 *the boundary of the Monument by—*

7                   (1) *donation;*

8                   (2) *purchase with donated funds; or*

9                   (3) *exchange.*

10          (e) *ADMINISTRATION.*—

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

13                           (A) *this Act; and*

14                           (B) *the laws generally applicable to units of*  
15 *the National Park System.*

16                   (2) *MANAGEMENT PLAN.*—

17                           (A) *Not later than 3 years after the date on*  
18 *which funds are first made available to the Sec-*  
19 *retary for this purpose, the Secretary shall pre-*  
20 *pare a general management plan for the Monu-*  
21 *ment in accordance with section 100502 of title*  
22 *54, United States Code.*

23                           (B) *On completion of the general manage-*  
24 *ment plan under subparagraph (A), the Sec-*  
25 *retary shall submit it to the Committee on Nat-*

1            *ural Resources of the House of Representatives*  
2            *and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-*  
3            *sources of the Senate.*

4            *(f) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—*

5            *(1) MONUMENT.—The Secretary shall enter into*  
6            *a cooperative agreement with the College for interpre-*  
7            *tive and educational programming related to the*  
8            *Monument, and may enter into other cooperative*  
9            *agreements for the purposes of carrying out this Act.*

10           *(2) HISTORIC DISTRICT.—The Secretary may*  
11           *enter into cooperative agreements with the owner of a*  
12           *nationally significant property within the Historic*  
13           *District, to identify, mark, interpret, improve, restore,*  
14           *and provide technical assistance with respect to the*  
15           *preservation and interpretation of the property.*

16           *(g) NO BUFFER ZONES.—Nothing in this Act, the es-*  
17           *tablishment of the Monument, or the management of the*  
18           *Monument shall be construed to create buffer zones outside*  
19           *of the Monument. The fact that an activity or use can be*  
20           *seen, heard, or detected from within the Monument shall*  
21           *not preclude the conduct of that activity or use outside of*  
22           *the Monument.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to establish the Medgar Evers Home National Monument in the State of Mississippi, and for other purposes.”.



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