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To establish the Historic Greenwood District-Black Wall Street National Monument in the State of Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HORSFORD (for himself and Mr. CLYBURN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 “Historic Greenwood
5 District—Black Wall Street National Monument Estab-
6 lishment Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this Act:

9 (1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
10 means the Historic Greenwood District—Black Wall

1 Street National Monument Advisory Commission es-
2 tablished by section 5(a).

3 (2) DESCENDANT.—The term “descendant”
4 means an individual who can verify family lineage by
5 blood, adoption, or marriage to a Black individual
6 who lived in, worked in, or was present in the Green-
7 wood District of Tulsa, Oklahoma, on May 31, 1921,
8 or June 1, 1921, by—

9 (A) family records, including family Bibles,
10 vital records, correspondence, memoirs, jour-
11 nals, diaries, unrecorded deeds, diplomas, cer-
12 tificates, or testimonials;

13 (B) public records, including censuses, gov-
14 ernment records, military records, pensions,
15 land bounty records, passport applications, pas-
16 senger lists, original grants, naturalization or
17 immigration records, records of entry, or State,
18 province, or local records; or

19 (C) institutional records, including church
20 records, cemetery records and inscriptions, edu-
21 cational institutions, insurance records, or soci-
22 eties and fraternal organizations.

23 (3) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map en-
24 titled “Greenwood Historic District—Black Wall

1 Street National Monument, Proposed Boundary”,
2 numbered 196/188,275, and dated July 2023.

3 (4) NATIONAL MONUMENT.—The term “Na-
4 tional Monument” means the Historic Greenwood
5 District—Black Wall Street National Monument es-
6 tablished by section 3(a).

7 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
8 the Secretary of the Interior.

9 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF HISTORIC GREENWOOD DIS-**
10 **TRICT—BLACK WALL STREET NATIONAL**
11 **MONUMENT.**

12 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the His-
13 toric Greenwood District—Black Wall Street National
14 Monument in the State of Oklahoma as a unit of the Na-
15 tional Park System to preserve, protect, and interpret for
16 the benefit of present and future generations resources as-
17 sociated with the Historic Greenwood District, Black Wall
18 Street, and the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921 and the role
19 of each in the history of the State of Oklahoma and the
20 United States.

21 (b) BOUNDARY.—The boundary of the National
22 Monument shall be as generally depicted on the Map.

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

1 (d) ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may
2 acquire any land or interest in land located within the
3 boundary of the National Monument by—

4 (1) donation;

5 (2) purchase from a willing seller with donated
6 or appropriated funds; or

7 (3) exchange.

8 (e) AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary may enter into co-
9 operative agreements, as appropriate, with public or pri-
10 vate entities to provide and facilitate, within or outside
11 the boundary of the National Monument, interpretive and
12 educational services, administrative support, and technical
13 assistance relating to the National Monument.

14 (f) PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION.—Nothing in
15 this Act—

16 (1) affects the land use rights of an owner of
17 private property (including property of a house of
18 worship and commercial property) within or adjacent
19 to the National Monument; or

20 (2) requires any change in or affects the con-
21 struction of, interpretation of zoning laws applicable
22 to, or appearance of any non-Federal property (in-
23 cluding property of a house of worship and commer-
24 cial property) within or adjacent to the National
25 Monument.

1 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION.**

2 (a) ADMINISTRATION BY SECRETARY.—

3 (1) APPLICABLE LAW.—Subject to paragraph
4 (2), the Secretary shall administer the National
5 Monument in accordance with—

6 (A) this Act; and

7 (B) in the case of land under the direct ju-
8 risdiction of the Secretary, the laws generally
9 applicable to units of the National Park Sys-
10 tem.

11 (2) EFFECT ON ADMINISTRATION OF STAND-
12 PIPE HILL.—Nothing in this Act affects the author-
13 ity of Oklahoma State University or the Board of
14 Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechan-
15 ical Colleges to own, maintain, or administer Stand-
16 pipe Hill.

17 (b) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consulta-
19 tion and coordination with Oklahoma State Univer-
20 sity, shall prepare a management plan for the Na-
21 tional Monument in accordance with section 100502
22 of title 54, United States Code.

23 (2) REQUIREMENT.—In preparing and imple-
24 menting the management plan for the National
25 Monument, the Secretary shall ensure that the ad-
26 ministration of the National Monument does not

1 interfere with the continuing use and ownership of
2 Standpipe Hill.

3 (3) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall con-
4 sult with the Commission, current and former resi-
5 dents of the Historic Greenwood District, and de-
6 scendants on the preparation of the management
7 plan under paragraph (1).

8 (4) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
9 3 years after the date on which funds are made
10 available to the Secretary for the preparation of the
11 management plan under paragraph (1), the Sec-
12 retary shall submit the management plan to—

13 (A) the Committee on Energy and Natural
14 Resources of the Senate; and

15 (B) the Committee on Natural Resources
16 of the House of Representatives.

17 **SEC. 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF HISTORIC GREENWOOD DIS-**
18 **TRICT—BLACK WALL STREET NATIONAL**
19 **MONUMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION.**

20 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established an advi-
21 sory commission, to be known as the “Historic Greenwood
22 District—Black Wall Street National Monument Advisory
23 Commission”.

24 (b) DUTY.—The Commission shall advise the Sec-
25 retary on matters relating to the development and man-

1 agement of the National Monument, including the con-
2 struction of visitor service facilities and infrastructure.

3 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—

4 (1) COMPOSITION.—The Commission shall be
5 composed of 11 members, to be appointed by the
6 Secretary, of whom—

7 (A) 7 members shall be descendants;

8 (B) 3 members shall have experience in the
9 field of historic preservation or the purposes for
10 which the National Monument was established;
11 and

12 (C) 1 member shall be appointed after con-
13 sideration of recommendations submitted by the
14 Mayor of the city of Tulsa in the State of Okla-
15 homa.

16 (2) TERMS.—A member of the Commission
17 shall be appointed for a term of 5 years.

18 (3) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy on the Commis-
19 sion shall be filled in the same manner in which the
20 original appointment was made.

21 (4) SUCCESSORS.—Notwithstanding the expira-
22 tion of a 5-year term of a member of the Commis-
23 sion, a member of the Commission may continue to
24 serve on the Commission until the date on which—

1 (A) the member is reappointed by the Sec-
2 retary; or

3 (B) a successor is appointed by the Sec-
4 retary.

5 (d) CHAIR; BYLAWS.—The Commission shall—

6 (1) have a Chair, who shall be elected by the
7 members of the Commission; and

8 (2) adopt such bylaws as the Commission con-
9 siders necessary to carry out the functions of the
10 Commission under this Act.

11 (e) MEETINGS.—The Commission shall meet at the
12 call of—

13 (1) the Chair; or

14 (2) a majority of the members of the Commis-
15 sion.

16 (f) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of the
17 Commission shall constitute a quorum.

18 (g) COMPENSATION.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Members of the Commission
20 shall serve without compensation.

21 (2) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Members of the Com-
22 mission shall be allowed travel expenses, including
23 per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized
24 for an employee of an agency under subchapter I of
25 chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while

1 away from the home or regular place of business of
2 the member in the performance of the duties of the
3 Commission.

4 (h) FACA NONAPPLICABILITY.—Section 1013(b) of
5 title 5, United States Code, shall not apply to the Commis-
6 sion.

7 (i) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate
8 10 years after the date on which the National Monument
9 is established.

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