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# S. 5381

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## 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 “Justice Thurgood Mar-  
5 shall National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1           (1) Thurgood Marshall led the National Asso-  
2           ciation for the Advancement of Colored People  
3           (NAACP) Legal Defense and Educational Fund  
4           from 1940 to 1961, and successfully argued 29 of  
5           32 civil rights cases before the United States Su-  
6           preme Court, including the landmark 1954 *Brown v.*  
7           *Board of Education* case that ended racial segrega-  
8           tion of public schools.

9           (2) Thurgood Marshall was appointed by Presi-  
10          dent John F. Kennedy to serve as a Judge on the  
11          United States Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit  
12          from 1961 to 1965. He was then appointed by  
13          President Lyndon B. Johnson to serve as United  
14          States Solicitor General from 1965 to 1967.

15          (3) Nominated by President Lyndon Johnson  
16          and confirmed by the United States Senate,  
17          Thurgood Marshall became the first African Amer-  
18          ican to serve on the United States Supreme Court  
19          and served as Associate Justice of from 1967 to  
20          1991.

21          (4) As a result of his long legal career,  
22          Thurgood Marshall is credited with ending legal seg-  
23          regation in America.

24          (5) Public School 103, now better known as the  
25          Justice Thurgood Marshall School, located at 1315

1 Division Street in Baltimore, Maryland, was the site  
2 of Thurgood Marshall’s elementary education.

3 (6) The Justice Thurgood Marshall School is  
4 owned and operated as a museum by the Beloved  
5 Community Services Corporation, which has com-  
6 pleted a historic restoration for adaptive re-use of  
7 the School.

8 (7) Congress authorized the National Park  
9 Service to prepare a special resource study of Public  
10 School 103 in 2019, which the National Park Serv-  
11 ice transmitted to Congress in 2023. The National  
12 Park Service found that Public School 103 met its  
13 criteria for national significance and suitability for  
14 addition to the National Park System.

15 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to pre-  
16 serve, protect, and interpret for the benefit of future gen-  
17 erations the significant historic contributions of Justice  
18 Thurgood Marshall by establishing the elementary school  
19 he attended as a national historic site and providing for  
20 the site’s administration as an affiliated area of the Na-  
21 tional Park System.

22 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

23 In this Act:

24 (1) NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.—The term “Na-  
25 tional Historic Site” means the Justice Thurgood

1 Marshall National Historic Site established by sec-  
2 tion 4 of this Act.

3 (2) SCHOOL.—The term “School” means the  
4 building located at 1315 Division Street in Balti-  
5 more, Maryland, known as Public School 103, which  
6 is owned and managed by the Beloved Community  
7 Services Corporation, a nonprofit organization estab-  
8 lished in Baltimore, Maryland.

9 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
10 the Secretary of the Interior.

11 **SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JUSTICE THURGOOD MAR-**  
12 **SHALL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is established as an affili-  
14 ated area of the National Park System the Justice  
15 Thurgood Marshall National Historic Site.

16 (b) DESCRIPTION.—The National Historic Site shall  
17 consist of the School, as generally depicted on the map  
18 entitled “Justice Thurgood Marshall School National His-  
19 toric Site Proposed Boundary”, numbered 962/194939,  
20 and dated September 2024.

21 (c) OWNERSHIP.—The School shall continue to be  
22 owned, operated, and managed by the Beloved Community  
23 Services Corporation.

24 (d) ADMINISTRATION.—The National Historic Site  
25 shall be managed in a manner consistent with—

1           (1) this Act; and

2           (2) laws generally applicable to units of the Na-  
3           tional Park System.

4           (e) MANAGEMENT ENTITY.—The Beloved Commu-  
5           nity Services Corporation shall be the management entity  
6           for the National Historic Site.

7           (f) AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary—

8           (1) may provide technical assistance and enter  
9           into cooperative agreements with the management  
10          entity for the purpose of providing financial assist-  
11          ance for the marketing, marking, interpretation, and  
12          preservation of the National Historic Site; and

13          (2) shall enter into an agreement with the man-  
14          agement entity that delineates the roles and respon-  
15          sibilities for the management of the area consistent  
16          with the policies and standards that apply to units  
17          of the National Park System.

18          (g) LIMITED ROLE OF THE SECRETARY.—Nothing in  
19          this Act authorizes the Secretary to acquire the property  
20          at 1315 Division Street or to assume overall financial re-  
21          sponsibility for the operation, maintenance, or manage-  
22          ment of the National Historic Site.

1 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2       There are authorized to be appropriated such sums

3 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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