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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi (for himself and Mr. BISHOP of Utah) 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 “Medgar Evers National
5 Monument Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) HOME.—The term “Home” means the
9 Medgar Evers Home in Jackson, Mississippi, as gen-
10 erally depicted on the Map.

1 (2) MONUMENT.—The term “Monument”
2 means the Medgar Evers National Monument estab-
3 lished by section 3.

4 (3) HISTORIC DISTRICT.—The term “Historic
5 District” means the Medgar Evers Historic District,
6 as included on the National Register of Historic
7 Places, and as generally depicted on the Map and lo-
8 cated within the boundaries of the Monument.

9 (4) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map en-
10 titled “Medgar Evers National Monument”, num-
11 bered ____/____, and dated January 2018.

12 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
13 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-
14 rector of the National Park Service.

15 (6) COLLEGE.—The term “College” means
16 Tougaloo College, a private educational institution
17 located in Tougaloo, Mississippi.

18 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF MEDGAR EVERS NATIONAL**
19 **MONUMENT.**

20 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
22 there is established the Medgar Evers National
23 Monument in the State of Mississippi as a unit of
24 the National Park System to preserve, protect, and
25 interpret for the benefit of present and future gen-

1 erations the Home and the history of Medgar Evers’
2 pivotal role in the American Civil Rights Movement.

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

5 (A) has entered into a written agreement
6 with the College providing that the Home shall
7 be donated to the United States for inclusion in
8 the Monument to be managed consistently with
9 the 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) INTERPRETATION.—The Secretary shall
21 enter into a cooperative agreement with the College
22 for interpretive and educational programming re-
23 lated to the Monument.

24 (2) HISTORIC DISTRICT.—The Secretary may
25 enter into cooperative agreements with the owner of

1 a nationally significant property within the Historic
2 District, to identify, mark, interpret, improve, re-
3 store, and provide technical assistance with respect
4 to the preservation and interpretation of the prop-
5 erty.

6 (g) WRITTEN CONSENT OF OWNER.—No private
7 property or non-Federal public property shall be included
8 within the boundaries of the Monument or managed as
9 part of the Monument without the written consent of the
10 owner of such property.

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

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