

**Suspend the Rules And Pass the Bill, H.R. 4895, With Amendments****(The amendments strike all after the enacting clause and insert a new text and a new title)**115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION**H. R. 4895**

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

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**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:

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

4           (2) 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.

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

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

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

17 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF MEDGAR EVERS HOME NA-**  
18 **TIONAL MONUMENT.**

19 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

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

1 Evers' pivotal role in the American Civil Rights  
2 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 all parcels with-  
7 in the Medgar Evers Home National Monument  
8 boundary as depicted on the Map shall be do-  
9 nated to the United States for inclusion in the  
10 Monument to be managed consistently with the  
11 purposes of the Monument; and

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

15 (b) BOUNDARIES.—The boundaries of the Monument  
16 shall be the boundaries as generally depicted on the Map.

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

20 (d) ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may  
21 only acquire any land or interest in land located within  
22 the boundary of the Monument by—

23 (1) donation;

24 (2) purchase with donated funds; or

25 (3) exchange.

1 (e) ADMINISTRATION.—

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

4 (A) this Act; and

5 (B) the laws generally applicable to units  
6 of the National Park System, including—

7 (i) section 100101(a), chapter 1003,  
8 and sections 100751(a), 100752, 100753,  
9 and 102101 of title 54, United States  
10 Code; and

11 (ii) chapter 3201 of title 54, United  
12 States Code.

13 (2) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

14 (A) Not later than 3 years after the date  
15 on which funds are first made available to the  
16 Secretary for this purpose, the Secretary shall  
17 prepare a general management plan for the  
18 Monument in accordance with section 100502  
19 of title 54, United States Code.

20 (B) On completion of the general manage-  
21 ment plan under subparagraph (A), the Sec-  
22 retary shall submit it to the Committee on Nat-  
23 ural Resources of the House of Representatives  
24 and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-  
25 sources of the Senate.

1 (f) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

2 (1) MONUMENT.—The Secretary shall enter  
3 into a cooperative agreement with the College for in-  
4 terpretive and educational programming related to  
5 the Monument, and may enter into other cooperative  
6 agreements for the purposes of carrying out this  
7 Act.

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

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