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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. JONES, and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) introduced the
following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on En-
ergy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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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 and Myrlie
5 Evers Home National Monument Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) COLLEGE.—The term “College” means
2 Tougaloo College, a private educational institution
3 located in Tougaloo, Mississippi.

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 and Myrlie Evers Home National
10 Monument”, numbered 515/142561, and dated Sep-
11 tember 2018.

12 (4) MONUMENT.—The term “Monument”
13 means the Medgar and Myrlie Evers Home National
14 Monument established by section 3.

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

18 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF MEDGAR AND MYRLIE EVERS**

19 **HOME NATIONAL MONUMENT.**

20 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

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

1 present and future generations resources associated
2 with the pivotal roles of Medgar and Myrlie Evers
3 in the American Civil Rights Movement.

4 (2) DETERMINATION BY THE SECRETARY.—

5 The Monument shall not be established until the
6 date on which the Secretary determines that a suffi-
7 cient quantity of land or interests in land has been
8 acquired to constitute a manageable park unit.

9 (b) BOUNDARIES.—The boundaries of the Monument
10 shall be the boundaries generally depicted on the Map.

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

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

17 (1) donation;

18 (2) purchase from a willing seller with donated
19 or appropriated funds; or

20 (3) exchange.

21 (e) ADMINISTRATION.—

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

24 (A) this Act; and

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

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

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

(2) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

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

(B) SUBMISSION.—On completion of the general management plan under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall submit it to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

(f) AGREEMENTS.—

(1) MONUMENT.—The Secretary—

(A) shall seek to enter into an agreement with the College to provide interpretive and

1 educational services relating to the Monument;
2 and

3 (B) may enter into agreements with the
4 College and other entities for the purposes of
5 carrying out this Act.

6 (2) HISTORIC DISTRICT.—The Secretary may
7 enter into agreements with the owner of a nationally
8 significant property within the Historic District, to
9 identify, mark, interpret, and provide technical as-
10 sistance with respect to the preservation and inter-
11 pretation of the property.

12 (g) NO BUFFER ZONES.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act, the es-
14 tablishment of the Monument, or the management of
15 the Monument creates a buffer zone outside of the
16 Monument.

17 (2) ACTIVITY OR USE OUTSIDE MONUMENT.—
18 The fact that an activity or use can be seen, heard,
19 or detected from within the Monument shall not pre-
20 clude the conduct of the activity or use outside of
21 the Monument.

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