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To establish the Justice Thurgood Marshall National Historic Site in the State of Maryland and provide for its administration as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MFUME (for himself, Mr. HOYER, Mr. HARRIS of Maryland, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. IVEY, Mr. OLSZEWSKI, Ms. ELFRETH, Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. CARSON, Ms. TLAI, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mrs. MCIVER, and Mr. FIELDS) 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 “Justice Thurgood Mar-
5 shall National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

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

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

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

17 (3) Nominated by President Lyndon Johnson
18 and confirmed by the United States Senate,
19 Thurgood Marshall became the first African Amer-
20 ican to serve on the United States Supreme Court
21 and served as an Associate Justice from 1967 to
22 1991.

23 (4) As a result of his long legal career,
24 Thurgood Marshall is credited with ending legal seg-
25regation in America.

1 (5) Public School 103, now better known as the
2 Justice Thurgood Marshall School, located at 1315
3 Division Street in Baltimore, Maryland, was the site
4 of Thurgood Marshall’s elementary education.

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

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

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

24 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

25 In this Act:

1 (1) NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.—The term “Na-
2 tional Historic Site” means the Justice Thurgood
3 Marshall National Historic Site established by sec-
4 tion 4 of this Act.

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

11 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
12 the Secretary of the Interior.

13 **SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JUSTICE THURGOOD MAR-**
14 **SHALL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.**

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

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

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

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

3 (1) this Act; and

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

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

9 (f) AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary—

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

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

20 (g) LIMITED ROLE OF THE SECRETARY.—Nothing in
21 this Act authorizes the Secretary to acquire the property
22 at 1315 Division Street or to assume overall financial re-
23 sponsibility for the operation, maintenance, or manage-
24 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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