

103^D CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3578

To authorize appropriations for the California Afro-American Museum.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 19, 1993

Ms. WATERS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To authorize appropriations for the California Afro-American
Museum.

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. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The California Afro-American Museum is
6 among the most important cultural centers in Amer-
7 ica dedicated to the contributions of African-Ameri-
8 cans to the growth and westward expansion of
9 America.

10 (2) The California Afro-American Museum pre-
11 serves, collects, and displays African-American con-

1 tributions to the arts, science, religion, education,
2 literature, entertainment, politics, sports, and his-
3 tory of the State and the Nation.

4 (3) The California Afro-American Museum is
5 located in historical Exposition Park, the venue of
6 the 1932 and 1984 Olympic Games, together with
7 the Coliseum, Rose Garden, and Natural History
8 Museum which are historical landmarks.

9 (4) The California Afro-American Museum
10 houses 3 galleries, a 13,000 square foot sculpture
11 court, multi-purpose room, 99-seat theater, as well
12 as a 60,000 volume research library. Attendance has
13 increased dramatically over the last 5 years with an
14 annual rise of approximately 20,000.

15 (5) The lack of a comprehensive, local context
16 within which to interpret African-American history
17 and culture impedes the ability of all Americans,
18 particularly African-Americans, to understand them-
19 selves and their relationship to America's past and
20 its future.

21 (6) The continued existence of a museum on
22 African-American history and culture, which will in-
23 clude a wide array of collections from an eclectic
24 group of African-Americans, will help all Americans,
25 and those who visit our country from abroad, better

1 understand and appreciate the significant contribu-
2 tions made by African-Americans to American as
3 well as world history.

4 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

5 (a) AMOUNT.—There are authorized to be appro-
6 priated \$2,000,000 to the Secretary of the Interior for fis-
7 cal year 1995 to sustain the California Afro-American Mu-
8 seum.

9 (b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Funds appropriated
10 pursuant to subsection (a) are authorized to remain avail-
11 able until expended.

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