

103D CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 937

To provide for the establishment of the Margaret Walker Alexander National African-American Research Center.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 17, 1993

Mr. PARKER (for himself, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. WHITTEN, Mr. MONTGOMERY, Mr. GORDON, Mr. STOKES, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. FORD of Tennessee, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FROST, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. MFUME, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. BROWDER, Mr. OWENS, Mr. WYNN, Mr. DIXON, Miss COLLINS of Michigan, and Ms. NORTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## A BILL

To provide for the establishment of the Margaret Walker Alexander National African-American Research Center.

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. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MARGARET WALKER**  
4 **ALEXANDER NATIONAL AFRICAN-AMERICAN**  
5 **RESEARCH CENTER.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—In recognition of, and to com-  
7 memorate, the literary contributions of Margaret Walker  
8 Alexander, the Secretary of Education shall make a grant

1 to Jackson State University to establish the Margaret  
2 Walker Alexander National African-American Research  
3 Center (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Center”).  
4 The Center shall be located at Jackson State University  
5 in Jackson, Mississippi.

6 (b) REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT.—A grant may not  
7 be made under subsection (a) unless an application is  
8 made to the Secretary of Education at such time and in  
9 such manner as the Secretary may require. The applica-  
10 tion shall contain provisions designed to ensure that—

11 (1) the Center will be located in the building  
12 known as “Ayer Hall” on the campus of Jackson  
13 State University;

14 (2) the building will serve as a national center  
15 for the study, research, and teaching of African-  
16 American literature and history and as a repository  
17 for papers and memorabilia relating to the life of  
18 Margaret Walker Alexander and other individuals  
19 noted for their work in African-American literature  
20 and history; and

21 (3) such other conditions as the Secretary  
22 requires.

23 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

24 (a) AMOUNT.—There are authorized to be appro-  
25 priated not to exceed \$8,000,000 for fiscal year 1993.

1       (b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Funds appropriated  
2 pursuant to this Act are authorized to remain available  
3 until expended.

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