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S. 759

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 2 (legislative day, MARCH 3), 1993

Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. LOTT) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and Human 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. 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
9 to Jackson State University to establish the Margaret

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

5 (b) REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT.—A grant may not
6 be made under subsection (a) unless an application is pre-
7 pared and submitted to the Secretary of Education at such
8 time and in such manner as the Secretary may require.
9 The application shall contain assurances that—

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

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

20 (3) any other conditions required by the Sec-
21 retary will be met.

22 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

23 (a) AMOUNT.—There are authorized to be appro-
24 priated not to exceed \$8,000,000 for fiscal year 1993 to
25 carry out the provisions of this Act.

1 (b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Any amount appro-
2 priated pursuant to the authority of subsection (a) shall
3 remain available until expended.

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