

104TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1117

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 1995

Mr. PARKER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities

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
9 to Jackson State University to establish the Margaret
10 Walker Alexander National African-American Research

1 Center (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Center”).
2 The Center shall be located at Jackson State University
3 in Jackson, Mississippi.

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

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

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

19 (3) such other conditions as the Secretary
20 requires.

21 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22 (a) AMOUNT.—There are authorized to be appro-
23 priated not to exceed \$8,000,000 for fiscal year 1996.

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

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