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To authorize appropriations for the restoration of historic buildings in the Fisk University Historic District.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 29, 1993

Mr. CLEMENT (for himself, Mr. BISHOP, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. CLYBURN, Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. COOPER, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FORD of Tennessee, Mr. GORDON, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mrs. LLOYD, Mrs. MEEK, Mr. MFUME, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, Mr. QUILLEN, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. REYNOLDS, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SUNDQUIST, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. TUCKER, Mr. WATT, Mr. WHEAT, and Mr. WYNN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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 “Fisk University His-
5 toric District Restoration and Preservation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS**

7 Congress finds that—

1 (1) Fisk University is among the first institu-
2 tions established following the Civil War for the edu-
3 cation of African-Americans which immediately be-
4 came known, and is still known, for its academic ex-
5 cellence;

6 (2) to raise funds for the University as it faced
7 immediate financial difficulties, the Jubilee Singers
8 left on a world tour in which they introduced to
9 international acclaim the “Negro Spiritual” as an
10 American art form;

11 (3) with funds earned on the world tours, Fisk
12 built Jubilee Hall, the first permanent building con-
13 structed in the United States specifically for the
14 purpose of educating African-Americans;

15 (4) together with Jubilee Hall, which is des-
16 ignated a National Historic Landmark, nine build-
17 ings have been listed on the National Register of
18 Historic Places and the campus has been designated
19 by the Department of Interior as a Historic District;

20 (5) The historic buildings on the Fisk campus
21 include structures of unique architectural style and
22 importance to the African-American community and
23 to African-American higher education; and

24 (6) The Fisk University Historic District and
25 its historic buildings are national treasures worthy

1 of preservation and restoration for future genera-
2 tions of all Americans.

3 **SEC. 3. RESTORATION OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS AT FISK**
4 **UNIVERSITY.**

5 There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as
6 may be necessary to the Secretary of the Interior for the
7 restoration of historic buildings in the Fisk University
8 Historic District, Nashville, Tennessee, pursuant to sec-
9 tion 2 of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the pres-
10 ervation of historic sites, buildings, objects, and antiquities
11 of national significance, and for other purposes” (16
12 U.S.C. 461–467).

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