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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Carter G. Woodson  
3 Home National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2003”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that:

6 (1) Dr. Carter G. Woodson, considered the fa-  
7 ther of African-American history, founded in 1915  
8 The Association for the Study of Negro Life and  
9 History, renamed as The Association for the Study  
10 of African-American Life and History.

11 (2) Through the Association, Dr. Woodson, the  
12 son of slaves who earned a Ph.D. degree from Har-  
13 vard University, dedicated his life to educating the  
14 American public about the extensive and positive  
15 contributions of African Americans to the Nation’s  
16 history and culture.

17 (3) Under Dr. Woodson’s leadership, Negro  
18 History Week was designated in 1926. That des-  
19 ignation has since evolved into Black History Month  
20 in February of each year.

21 (4) The headquarters and operations of the As-  
22 sociation was Dr. Woodson’s home at 1538 Ninth  
23 Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C., where he lived  
24 from 1915 to 1950.

25 (5) The Carter G. Woodson Home was des-  
26 ignated as a National Historic Landmark in 1976

1 for its national significance in African-American cul-  
2 tural heritage.

3 (6) A National Park Service study of the Carter  
4 G. Woodson Home dated June 2002, found that the  
5 Carter G. Woodson Home is suitable for designation  
6 as a unit of the National Park System, and is fea-  
7 sible for designation so long as property adjacent to  
8 the home is available for National Park Service ad-  
9 ministrative, curatorial, access, and visitor interpre-  
10 tative needs.

11 (7) Establishment of the Carter G. Woodson  
12 Home National Historic Site would foster opportuni-  
13 ties for developing and promoting interpretation of  
14 African-American cultural heritage throughout the  
15 Shaw area of Washington, D.C.

16 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to pre-  
17 serve, protect, and interpret for the benefit, education, and  
18 inspiration of present and future generations, the home  
19 of the preeminent historian and educator Dr. Carter G.  
20 Woodson, founder of the organization known today as The  
21 Association for the Study of African-American Life and  
22 History.

23 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

24 In this Act:

1           (1) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary  
2 of the Interior.

3           (2) The term “historic site” means the Carter  
4 G. Woodson Home National Historic Site.

5           (3) The term “map” means the map entitled  
6 “Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site”,  
7 numbered 876/82338 and dated February 10, 2003.

8 **SEC. 4. CARTER G. WOODSON HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC**  
9 **SITE.**

10          (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—After the Secretary has ac-  
11 quired, or agreed to a long-term lease for, the majority  
12 of the property described in subsection (b), the Secretary  
13 shall establish as a unit of the National Park System the  
14 Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site.

15          (b) **BOUNDARY.**—The historic site shall consist of the  
16 property located at 1538 Ninth Street, Northwest, in the  
17 District of Columbia and three adjoining houses north of  
18 that address, as depicted on the map, if acquired or leased  
19 by the Secretary.

20          (c) **AVAILABILITY OF MAP.**—The map shall be avail-  
21 able for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the  
22 National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

23          (d) **ACQUISITION.**—The Secretary may acquire lands  
24 or interests in lands, and improvements thereon, within  
25 the boundary of the historic site from willing owners by

1 donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds,  
2 or exchange.

3 (e) ADMINISTRATION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall admin-  
5 ister the historic site in accordance with this Act  
6 and with laws generally applicable to units of the  
7 National Park System, including the Act of August  
8 25, 1916 (commonly known as the National Park  
9 Service Organic Act; 16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.), and the  
10 Act of August 21, 1935 (commonly known as the  
11 Historic Sites, Buildings, and Antiquities Act; 16  
12 U.S.C. 461 et seq.).

13 (2) REHABILITATION AGREEMENT.—In order to  
14 achieve cost efficiencies in the restoration of prop-  
15 erty, the Secretary may enter into an agreement  
16 with the Shiloh Community Development Corpora-  
17 tion for the purpose of rehabilitating the Carter G.  
18 Woodson Home and other property within the  
19 boundary of the historic site. The agreement may  
20 contain such terms and conditions as the Secretary  
21 deems appropriate.

22 (3) OPERATION AGREEMENT.—In order to rees-  
23 tablish the historical connection between the home of  
24 Dr. Woodson and the association he founded and to  
25 facilitate interpretation of Dr. Woodson's achieve-

1       ments, the Secretary may enter into an agreement  
2       with The Association for the Study of African-Amer-  
3       ican Life and History that allows the association to  
4       use a portion of the historic site for its own adminis-  
5       trative purposes. The agreement may contain such  
6       terms and conditions as the Secretary deems appro-  
7       priate.

8               (4) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Sec-  
9       retary may enter into cooperative agreements with  
10      public and private entities for the purpose of fos-  
11      tering interpretation of African-American heritage in  
12      the Shaw area of Washington, D.C.

13              (5) GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The Sec-  
14      retary shall prepare a general management plan for  
15      the historic site within three years after funds are  
16      made available for that purpose.

17 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18       There are authorized to be appropriated such sums  
19      as are necessary to carry out this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives May 14, 2003.

Attest:

*Clerk.*