

Rosenwald Park Campaign

Dear Friends of the Campaign,

We have some exciting news to share! Thanks to the efforts of Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Representative Danny Davis (D-IL-07), we are one giant step closer to our goal of establishing a national historical park.

On June 13, 2019, Senator Durbin and Representative Davis jointly introduced the Julius Rosenwald and Rosenwald Schools Study Act (S. 1863 / H.R. 3250). This Act requires the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study of the sites associated with the life and legacy of Julius Rosenwald and the Rosenwald Schools, and to determine the best ways to commemorate this incredible chapter in American history.

This study is critical, as it will be the first step towards legislation to create a National Historical Park.

Senator Durbin and Representative Davis expressed their strong support for the act, which would honor Rosenwald and his role in establishing schools for African Americans in fifteen states throughout the South and promoting African American education and culture across the country. Senator Durbin noted that Rosenwald's "commitment to African American education forever changed the lives of many across the rural south." Representative Davis spoke from personal experience, recalling that he began school in a one-room schoolhouse with one teacher. "Although I did not attend a Rosenwald school, I know the impact of their presence," Davis said.

The Campaign to Establish the Julius Rosenwald & Rosenwald Schools National Historical Park envisions a visitor center in Chicago and a small number of Rosenwald Schools throughout the south, to be selected by the National Park Service. The National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) and the National Trust for Historic Preservation helped create the Campaign and continue to work closely with it. [NPCA especially has played a leading role in the legislative activities.](#)

The Rosenwald Team is so grateful for your support thus far, but we need your continued help to get this Act passed. Please reach out to your Members of Congress and ask them to be a co-sponsor of the Julius Rosenwald and Rosenwald Schools Study Act and see that it gets passed. Make a phone call, send an email, or reach out on social media. Every effort helps!

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https://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

For more information on Julius Rosenwald, the Rosenwald Schools, and the Campaign, please visit our [website](http://www.rosenwaldpark.org/) (www.rosenwaldpark.org/). Questions on the Act or anything else? Send an email to info@rosenwaldpark.org.