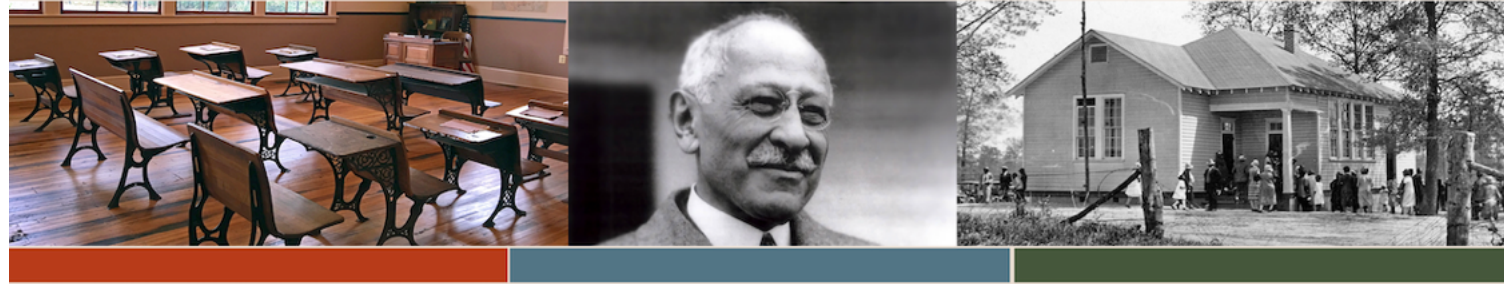


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The Campaign to Create the
**Julius Rosenwald & Rosenwald Schools
 National Historical Park**



BREAKING NEWS

On March 19 Senate Majority Whip Richard Durbin sent a letter to President Biden urging him to proclaim a National Monument in honor of Julius Rosenwald and the Rosenwald Schools through his authority under the Antiquities Act ([click here](#)). The letter was cosigned by eight other Senators.

The Senators requested that President Biden establish the National Monument in recognition of Rosenwald's work, stating the following:

Julius Rosenwald's philanthropy changed the course of African American education in the South and had significant impacts on our society. We support elevating the story, people, and schools that facilitated that change through the creation of a national monument

The letter lists three potential sites for the National Monument:

- the San Domingo Rosenwald School in Wicomico County, Maryland
- Rosenwald's boyhood home in Springfield, Illinois
- an easement on the Nichols Tower in the former Sears, Roebuck and Company merchandising plant in the North Lawndale neighborhood of Chicago.

The Senators concluded the letter by emphasizing the significance such a national monument would have.

A national monument would be the first to commemorate the life and legacy of a Jewish American. It also would acknowledge the impact of Rosenwald Schools in the segregated South, address early Black-Jewish partnerships and the role of philanthropy in the United States. Importantly, a national monument also would pay tribute to the value of education as an equalizing force in our country. As Julius Rosenwald so aptly stated, "I do not see how America can go forward if part of its people are left behind."

Signing the letter in addition to Senator Durbin, were Senators Cory Booker (D-NJ), Ben Cardin (D-MD), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Tim Kaine (D-VA), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Mark Warner (D-VA) and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI).

The Campaign has been informed that Representative Danny Davis will shortly send to President Biden a similar letter also requesting designation of a National Monument.

The Campaign is grateful to Senator Durbin and Congressman Danny Davis for their continuing support. They were the sponsors of the Julius Rosenwald And Rosenwald Schools Act of 2020. That law mandated that the National Park Service (NPS) conduct a special resource study of the sites associated with Julius Rosenwald and the Rosenwald Schools. The NPS is scheduled to complete that study this spring.

The Campaign's goal is for the President to proclaim the National Monument in 2024. The above activities are important milestones toward attaining that goal.

Once the National Monument is established, the Campaign will work on having the necessary legislation passed to create the larger, more encompassing National Historical Park.

Many thanks to all of the supporters who have contributed to the progress to date. It is making an important difference!

Stay tuned!

"I do not see how America can go ahead if part of its people are left behind.." - Julius Rosenwald

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