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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To direct the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution to study the feasibility of establishing a Juneteenth Museum on Galveston Island, Texas, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. WEBER of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Juneteenth Museum
5 Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING**
2 **JUNETEENTH MUSEUM ON GALVESTON IS-**
3 **LAND.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of the Smithsonian
5 Institution shall carry out a study that examines the feasi-
6 bility of establishing a museum for the purposes of the
7 collection, study, research, publication, and establishment
8 of exhibitions and programs relating to the historical sig-
9 nificance of June 19, 1865, commonly known as
10 “Juneteenth Independence Day”, to be located on Gal-
11 veston Island, Texas.

12 (b) **STUDY REQUIREMENTS.**—The study conducted
13 under subsection (a) shall be carried out in consultation
14 with elected officials of Galveston County and the State
15 of Texas and community leaders from Galveston Island,
16 and shall include an examination of—

17 (1) the costs associated with the construction
18 and operation of the museum;

19 (2) whether the museum should be established
20 as part of the National Museum of African Amer-
21 ican History and Culture;

22 (3) potential sites on Galveston Island for con-
23 struction of the museum; and

24 (4) such other matters as the Secretary deter-
25 mines appropriate.

1 (c) DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION.—The Secretary
2 shall complete the study under subsection (a) not later
3 than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

4 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after com-
5 pleting the study under subsection (c), the Secretary shall
6 submit to the Committee on Natural Resources and the
7 Committee on House Administration of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural
9 Resources of the Senate a report that includes the results
10 of the feasibility study conducted under subsection (a).