

HR 694

Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Mar 15, 2005)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: SC • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]	D · FL		Feb 9, 2005
Rep. Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Feb 9, 2005
Rep. Crenshaw, Ander [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Feb 9, 2005
Rep. Kingston, Jack [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Feb 9, 2005
Rep. McIntyre, Mike [D-NC-7]	D · NC		Feb 9, 2005
Rep. Mica, John L. [R-FL-7]	R · FL		Feb 9, 2005
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Feb 9, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 15, 2005
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 18, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 203	Related bill	Oct 12, 2006: Became Public Law No: 109-338.

Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Act - Establishes the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor (Heritage Corridor) to: (1) recognize the important contributions made to American culture and history by African-Americans known as the Gullah/Geechee who settled in the coastal counties of South Carolina, North Carolina, Florida, and Georgia; (2) assist State and local governments and public and private entities in South Carolina, North Carolina, Florida, and Georgia in interpreting the story of the Gullah/Geechee and preserving Gullah/Geechee folklore, arts, crafts, and music; and (3) assist in identifying and preserving sites, historical data, artifacts, and objects associated with the Gullah/Geechee for the benefit and education of the public.

Provides that the Heritage Corridor shall be comprised of lands and waters depicted on a map entitled "Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor" dated September 2004 and on file at the National Park Service.

Establishes the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission to assist Federal, State, and local authorities to develop and implement a management plan for Gullah/Geechee lands and waters.

Sets forth the duties of the Commission, including the preparation and submission of a management plan to the Secretary of the Interior and annual reporting to the Secretary. Authorizes the Commission to make grants and enter into cooperative agreements with the States of South Carolina, North Carolina, Florida, and Georgia to prepare and implement the management plan.

Provides for technical and financial assistance to the Commission.

Requires the Commission to establish one or more Coastal Heritage Centers in the Heritage Corridor in accordance with the Low Country Gullah Culture Special Resource Study and Environmental Impact Study, December 2003, and additional appropriate sites.

Sets forth protections for private landowners in the Heritage Corridor.

Authorizes appropriations.

Terminates the authorities under this Act 15 years after enactment.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Mar 15, 2005:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Mar 14, 2005:** Mr. Jones (NC) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Mar 14, 2005:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1383-1386)
- **Mar 14, 2005:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 694.
- **Mar 14, 2005:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H1383-1385)
- **Mar 14, 2005:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H1383-1385)
- **Mar 14, 2005:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 18, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks.
- **Feb 9, 2005:** Introduced in House
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- **Feb 9, 2005:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.