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H. R. 784

To establish the Advisory Council on African Diaspora Engagement in the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE (for herself and Ms. JACOBS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “African Diaspora
5 Council Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AFRICAN DIASPORA EN-**
7 **GAGEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There shall be established by
9 the Secretary of State an advisory council within the De-
10 partment of State to be known as the “Advisory Council

1 on African Diaspora Engagement in the United States”
2 (in this section referred to as the “Advisory Council”).

3 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Council shall
5 consist of not more than 12 members, appointed by
6 the Secretary of State, who are representatives of
7 and reflect the diversity of the African diaspora from
8 African American and African immigrant commu-
9 nities, including individuals who have distinguished
10 themselves in government, sports, creative indus-
11 tries, business, academia, social work, and faith-
12 based activities. Appointments to the Advisory Coun-
13 cil shall be made without regard to political affili-
14 ation. The Secretary of State shall consult with the
15 Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee
16 on Foreign Relations in the Senate and the Com-
17 mittee on Foreign Affairs in the House of Rep-
18 resentatives during the process of selecting rep-
19 resentatives to the Advisory Council.

20 (2) TERMS.—Each member of the Advisory
21 Council shall serve a 2-year term, without compensa-
22 tion or reimbursement.

23 (3) CHAIR.—The Secretary of State shall des-
24 ignate a member of the Advisory Council to serve as
25 Chair of the Advisory Council.

1 (4) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—The Secretary of
2 State shall designate a senior officer or employee of
3 the Department of State to serve as Executive Di-
4 rector of the Advisory Council.

5 (c) FUNCTIONS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Council shall
7 advise the President, through the Secretary of State,
8 on strengthening connections between the United
9 States Government and the African diaspora in the
10 United States.

11 (2) INFORMATION, ANALYSIS, AND REC-
12 COMMENDATIONS.—In advising the President under
13 paragraph (1), the Advisory Council shall provide in-
14 formation, analysis, and recommendations that ad-
15 dress the following:

16 (A) Strategies to advance equity and op-
17 portunity for African diaspora communities, in-
18 cluding through efforts coordinated by the Do-
19 mestic Policy Council under Executive Order
20 13985 (5 U.S.C. 601 note; relating to advanc-
21 ing racial equity and support for underserved
22 communities through the Federal Government).

23 (B) Ways to support the United Nations
24 Permanent Forum on People of African De-
25 scend.

1 (C) Programs and initiatives—

2 (i) to strengthen cultural, social, polit-
3 ical, and economic ties between African
4 communities, the African diaspora, and the
5 United States, such as the Young African
6 Leaders Initiative; and

7 (ii) to address challenges and opportu-
8 nities to advance inclusion, belonging, and
9 public awareness of the diversity, accom-
10 plishments, culture, and history of the Af-
11 rican diaspora.

12 (D) Programs and initiatives, such as the
13 International Visitor Leadership Program, to
14 expand educational exchange programs between
15 Africa and the United States.

16 (E) Programs and initiatives to increase
17 public- and private-sector collaboration and
18 community involvement in improving the socio-
19 economic well-being of African diaspora commu-
20 nities.

21 (F) Programs and initiatives, such as
22 Prosper Africa, to increase participation of
23 members of the African diaspora in the United
24 States with regard to trade, investment, eco-

1 nomic growth, and development programs relat-
2 ing to Africa.

3 (G) Such other topics the Secretary of
4 State considers relevant.

5 (d) FUNDING; ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.—The
6 Secretary of State shall provide funding and administra-
7 tive support for the Advisory Council, to the extent per-
8 mitted by law and using amounts otherwise appropriated
9 to the Department of State.

10 (e) MEETINGS.—The Advisory Council shall meet on
11 a quarterly basis or more frequently as necessary.

12 (f) CONGRESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT.—The Advisory
13 Council shall brief the Committee on Foreign Relations
14 in the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs in
15 the House of Representatives after each plenary session.

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