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WASHINGTON- Today, Congressman Rob Wittman (VA-01), announced he has called on Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland to include the Julius Rosenwald School Foundation of Northumberland County, VA in a study of selected Rosenwald School sites to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the sites as a unit of the National Park System. This study is a requirement from the *Julius Rosenwald and the Rosenwald Schools Act of 2020*, which was passed by Congress and signed into law last year. Advocating on behalf of the school in Northumberland County, Congressman Rob Wittman stated:

“The Rosenwald Schools were established by Julius Rosenwald, an iconic American who overcame tremendous adversity to become a successful businessman and philanthropist, playing a major role in elevating the status of African-Americans throughout the United States. As the Department of the Interior seeks to preserve



for its inclusion.”

The Julius Rosenwald School Foundation of Northumberland County in the First Congressional District of Virginia was the only high school in Northumberland County for African Americans from 1917 - 1958. This site in Northumberland County is a key educational and cultural location for Virginians.

Congressman Rob Wittman represents the 1st District of Virginia. He serves on the House Natural Resources Committee and the House Armed Services Committee, where he serves as the Vice Ranking Member of the full Committee and Ranking Member of the Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee.

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