

# ROSEWOOD LETTER CAMPAIGN

Help us make Rosewood an historic landmark!

On October 1, 2020, Congressman Ted Yoho (FL-03) introduced Bill H.R. 8502, the Rosewood Study Act. Your voice is needed! Contact your representatives to express your support for the bill!

Write your own letter or use the sample letters provided below.

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## Sample Letter 1

Hon. Marco Rubio  
United States Senate  
284 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Hon. Rick Scott  
United States Senate  
716 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Rubio and Senator Scott,

As you may know, Representative Ted Yoho has introduced legislation that would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the site formerly known as "Rosewood" located in Levy County, Florida, in the United States House of Representatives.

This study is an important first step in designating Rosewood, the site of a 1923 racially motivated massacre that destroyed a largely African American town and killed six African Americans and two whites, as a historic landmark. As we approach the 100 year anniversary of the Rosewood massacre, I ask that you support this effort by Rep. Yoho, including by providing Senate sponsorship for a companion bill to H.R. 8502, which is now pending in the House Committee On Natural Resources. Rep. Yoho's bill is co-sponsored by nine of Florida's Representatives in the House, and I hope that you will join with them.

Sincerely,

## Sample Letter 2

Hon. Raul M. Grijalva  
United States House of Representatives  
1511 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Grijalva,

As I am sure you know, Rep. Ted Yoho of Florida has introduced H.R. 8502, legislation that would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the site formerly known as "Rosewood" in Levy County, Florida. This study would serve to advance the designation of Rosewood, the scene of a 1923 racially motivated massacre that destroyed a largely African American community and killed six African Americans and two whites, as a historic landmark. Nine other Florida Representatives have signed on as co-sponsors.

HB 8502 is assigned to the House Committee on Natural Resources. As Chair of that Committee I ask that you join in supporting it and take such measures as are necessary to see that it moves through your Committee and the legislative process toward passage. With the 100th anniversary of the Rosewood massacre approaching the time for this recognition and the furtherance of community healing it can provide is especially appropriate.

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