

Read Rap Icon Tupac Shakur Records Collection Act

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Georgia State Representative Cynthia McKinney has introduced a bill before the United States Congress that would require the National Archives to establish a "Tupac Amaru Shakur Records Collection."

Modeled after the famed "John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act," McKinney's newly-introduced bill would allow public access to privileged details of hip-hop cultures late rap icon's life and death.

Congresswoman McKinney, the Democratic representative of the 4th District of DeKalb County, Georgia, based her "Tupac Shakur Records Collection Act" on the premise that "all government records related to the life and death of Tupac Amaru Shakur should be preserved for historical and governmental purposes."

Shakur, who became rap's top selling superstar and most famed idol using the moniker, 2Pac, is described in essential online music compendium, Wikipedia, as "a highly influential, best-selling American hip-hop artist, considered by many to be one of the greatest and most legendary rappers of all time." He was killed in a drive-by shooting on the Las Vegas Strip in September, 1996.

The legacy of hip-hop cultures legendary rap icon, Tupac Shakur continues to live on today, through the formation of the Tupac Amaru Shakur Foundation (TASF) and its work to fund the ongoing construction of the Tupac Amaru Shakur Center for the Arts (TASCA) in Stone Mountain, Georgia, as well as supporting other youth-oriented and community projects. The Foundation was established by Tupac's mother, Ms. Afeni Shakur Davis, as a way of realizing her son's ultimate dream: to provide a safe haven for youths from all backgrounds to learn how to creatively express themselves through the performing arts.

The "Tupac Shakur Records Collection Act" can be viewed in its entirety at: <http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2005/hr4210.html>