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1ST SESSION

H. R. 995

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 29, 2017

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary
of the Interior to modernize terms in certain regulations.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “21st Century Respect
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS REQUIRED.**

5 (a) SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.—The Secretary
6 of Agriculture shall amend section 1901.202 of title 7,
7 Code of Federal Regulations, for purposes of—

8 (1) replacing the reference to the term “Negro
9 or Black” with “Black or African American”;

10 (2) replacing the reference to the term “Span-
11 ish Surname” with “Hispanic”; and

12 (3) replacing the reference to the term “Ori-
13 ental” with “Asian American or Pacific Islander”.

14 (b) SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.—The Secretary
15 of the Interior shall amend section 906.2 of title 36, Code
16 of Federal Regulations, for purposes of—

17 (1) replacing the references to the term
18 “Negro” with “Black or African American”;

19 (2) replacing the definition of “Negro” with the
20 definition of “Black or African American” as “a per-
21 son having origins in any of the Black racial groups
22 of Africa”;

23 (3) replacing the references to the term “Ori-
24 ental” with “Asian American or Pacific Islander”;
25 and

1 (4) replacing the references to the terms “Es-
2 kimo” and “Aleut” with “Alaska Native”.

3 **SEC. 3. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

4 Nothing in this Act, or the amendments required by
5 this Act, shall be construed to affect Federal law, except
6 with respect to the use of terms by the Secretary of Agri-
7 culture and the Secretary of the Interior, respectively, to
8 the regulations affected by this Act.

 Passed the House of Representatives November 28,
2017.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.