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H. R. 4781

To designate the United States courthouse located at 3140 Boeing Avenue in McKinleyville, California, as the “Judge Louis E. Goodman Courthouse”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 22, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. LOWENTHAL, and Ms. PORTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Louis Earl Goodman was appointed to the
6 United States District Court for the Northern Dis-
7 trict of California in 1942 by President Franklin
8 Delano Roosevelt.

1 (2) Judge Goodman served as Chief Judge of
2 the United States District Court for the Northern
3 District of California from 1958 until his death in
4 1961.

5 (3) During his tenure on the bench, Judge
6 Goodman's opinions significantly advanced civil
7 rights.

8 (4) Seventy-five years ago Judge Goodman
9 handed down the first of only 2 rulings upholding
10 the civil rights and civil liberties of Japanese Ameri-
11 cans during World War II despite significant profes-
12 sional and personal risk to himself.

13 (5) The historic ruling in United States v.
14 Masaaki Kuwabara would mark one of many signifi-
15 cant rulings distinguishing Judge Goodman's career.

16 (6) After such ruling, Judge Goodman played a
17 major role in restoring the United States citizenship
18 of thousands of Japanese Americans who had been
19 pressed to renounce such citizenship while under du-
20 ress and detained by armed guard.

21 (7) On the 75th anniversary of his opinion in
22 United States v. Masaaki Kuwabara, naming the
23 United States courthouse in McKinleyville after
24 Judge Goodman honors his legacy, recognizes his
25 moral force in the judiciary during one of the dark-

1 est chapters in the civil rights history of the United
2 States, and commends his unwavering dedication to
3 ensuring equal protection for all Americans under
4 the law, thereby upholding the promise of the Con-
5 stitution of the United States.

6 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION.**

7 The United States courthouse located at 3140 Boeing
8 Avenue in McKinleyville, California, shall be known and
9 designated as the “Judge Louis E. Goodman Court-
10 house”.

11 **SEC. 3. REFERENCES.**

12 Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document,
13 paper, or other record of the United States to the United
14 States courthouse referred to in section 2 shall be deemed
15 to be a reference to the “Judge Louis E. Goodman Court-
16 house”.

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