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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 11, 2020

Ms. CLARKE of New York (for herself, Mr. ROSE of New York, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. OMAR, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. NADLER, Ms. MENG, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. RUSH, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. POCAN, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, and Mr. KIM) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Honoring Real Patri-
5 ots Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) The American Civil War of 1861–1865 was
9 fought over the desire of the seceding States to keep
10 human beings enslaved based upon their race.

11 (2) The Confederacy was so committed to pre-
12 serving the institution of slavery that it killed more
13 than 360,000 American soldiers in its failed effort to
14 achieve this goal.

15 (3) This act of treason was a direct attack on
16 the existence of the United States and merits no
17 honor to the Confederacy as an institution or its
18 leaders as individuals by the United States Armed
19 Forces.

20 (4) Nonetheless, United States military installa-
21 tions and other property under the jurisdiction of
22 the Department of Defense, including General Lee
23 Avenue and Stonewall Jackson Drive at Fort Ham-
24 ilton, New York, remain named after rebels who
25 took up arms against the United States.

1 (5) The United States Armed Forces are essen-
2 tial to defending the United States and protecting
3 American values of freedom, equality, and demo-
4 cratic governance.

5 (6) This role is undermined when military in-
6 stallations, facilities, roads, equipment, and other
7 property are named after enemy combatants who
8 took up arms during the Civil War to challenge the
9 very values for which the United States stands.

10 (7) Naming military property after armed in-
11 surrectionists with American blood on their hands is
12 an affront to members of the Armed Forces, many
13 of whom are people of color, who take an oath to
14 protect and defend the Constitution.

15 (8) There are an ample number of meritorious
16 members of the Armed Forces, who loyally served
17 the United States, for whom military property could
18 and should be named.

1 **SEC. 3. REDESIGNATION OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND**
2 **OTHER PROPERTY UNDER THE JURISDIC-**
3 **TION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**
4 **NAMED AFTER INDIVIDUALS WHO TOOK UP**
5 **ARMS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES DURING**
6 **THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR.**

7 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
8 United States that no military installation or other prop-
9 erty under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense
10 shall be named, or may remain named, after any indi-
11 vidual who took up arms against the United States during
12 the American Civil War or any individual or entity that
13 supported such efforts.

14 (b) REDESIGNATION OF PROPERTY.—Not later than
15 one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
16 Secretary of Defense shall change the name of any mili-
17 tary installation or other property under the jurisdiction
18 of the Department of Defense that, as of the date of the
19 enactment of this Act, is named after—

20 (1) any individual who took up arms against
21 the United States during the American Civil War; or

22 (2) any individual or entity that supported the
23 effort to take up arms against the United States
24 during such war.

25 (c) IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.—Not later than 30
26 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary

1 of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-
2 ices of the House of Representatives and the Senate a re-
3 port containing a plan to comply with this section by the
4 deadline specified in subsection (b). The report shall in-
5 clude the following:

6 (1) A comprehensive list of all military installa-
7 tions and other property under the jurisdiction of
8 the Department of Defense with a name that needs
9 to be changed to comply with this section.

10 (2) An estimate of the funding necessary to im-
11 plement this section, including costs associated with
12 new signage, maps, documents, and other materials
13 to reflect changes in names.

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