

TO DESIGNATE THE UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 350 W.
1ST STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AS THE “FELICITAS AND
GONZALO MENDEZ UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE”

MAY 14, 2024.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, from the Committee on Transportation
and Infrastructure, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 5754]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to whom
was referred the bill (H.R. 5754) to designate the United States
courthouse located at 350 W. 1st Street, Los Angeles, California, as
the “Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez United States Courthouse”,
having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without
amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

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PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

The purpose of H.R. 5754 is to designate the United States courthouse located at 350 W. 1st Street, Los Angeles, California, as the “Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez United States Courthouse”.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez are known for their role in the civil rights movement, specifically their leadership in the 1946 Federal court case *Mendez v. Westminster*. This case resulted in the desegregation of the public schools in California and served as a legal precedent for the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* United States Supreme Court case.¹

Gonzalo Mendez passed away on April 19, 1964, and Felicitas Mendez passed away on April 12, 1998.²

HEARINGS

No hearings were held on H.R. 5754.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND CONSIDERATION

H.R. 5754, “*To designate the United States courthouse located at 350 W. 1st Street, Los Angeles, California, as the ‘Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez United States Courthouse’*,” was introduced in the United States House of Representatives on September 27, 2023, by Representative Jimmy Gomez of California and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Within the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, H.R. 5754 was referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management. The Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5754 on November 15, 2023.

The Committee considered H.R. 5754 on November 15, 2023, and ordered the measure to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, without amendment, by voice vote.

COMMITTEE VOTES

Clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires each committee report to include the total number of votes cast for and against on each record vote on a motion to report and on any amendment offered to the measure or matter, and the names of those members voting for and against.

No recorded votes were taken during consideration of H.R. 5754.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

With respect to the requirements of clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee’s oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in this report.

¹Melissa Hurtado, *Unveiling Justice: The Mendez Family’s Fight for Education Equality and Lasting Legacy*, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, (Sept. 13, 2023), available at <https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/unveiling-justice-the-mendez-family-s-fight-for-education-equality-and-lasting-legacy.htm>.

²*Id.*

NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY AND TAX EXPENDITURES

Clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives does not apply where a cost estimate and comparison prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of the *Congressional Budget Act of 1974* has been timely submitted prior to the filing of the report and is included in the report. Such a cost estimate is included in this report.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 402 of the *Congressional Budget Act of 1974*, the Committee has received the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 5754 from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

H.R. 5754, a bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 350 W. 1st Street, Los Angeles, California, as the “Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez United States Courthouse”			
As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on November 15, 2023			
By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2024	2024-2028	2024-2033
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	*	not estimated
Increases <i>net direct spending</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034?	No	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? No	
Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034?	No	Mandate Effects	
		Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 5754 would designate the United States courthouse located at 350 W. 1st Street, Los Angeles, California, as the “Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez United States Courthouse.”

CBO estimates that naming the facility would have no significant cost. Any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Matthew Pickford. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,
Director, Congressional Budget Office.

PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the performance goal and objective of this legislation is to designate United States courthouse located at 350 W. 1st Street, Los Angeles, California, as the “Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez United States Courthouse”.

DUPLICATION OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(5) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee finds that no provision of H.R. 5754 establishes or reauthorizes a program of the Federal government known to be duplicative of another Federal program, a program that was included in any report from the Government Accountability Office to Congress pursuant to section 21 of Public Law 111–139, or a program related to a program identified in the most recent Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS, LIMITED TAX BENEFITS, AND LIMITED TARIFF BENEFITS

In compliance with clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, this bill, as reported, contains no congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9(e), 9(f), or 9(g) of the rule XXI.

FEDERAL MANDATES STATEMENT

The Committee adopts as its own the estimate of Federal mandates prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 423 of the *Unfunded Mandates Reform Act* (Public Law 104–4).

PREEMPTION CLARIFICATION

Section 423 of the *Congressional Budget Act of 1974* requires the report of any Committee on a bill or joint resolution to include a statement on the extent to which the bill or joint resolution is intended to preempt state, local, or tribal law. The Committee finds that H.R. 5754 does not preempt any state, local, or tribal law.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATEMENT

No advisory committees within the definition of Section 5(b) of the appendix to Title 5, United States Code, are created by this legislation.

APPLICABILITY TO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the *Congressional Accountability Act* (Public Law 104–1).

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS OF THE LEGISLATION

Section 1. Designation

This section designates the United States courthouse located at 350 W. 1st Street, Los Angeles, California, as the “Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez United States Courthouse”.

Section 2. References

This section deems any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the United States courthouse located at 350 W. 1st Street, Los Angeles, California shall be a reference to the “Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez United States Courthouse”.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

As reported by the Committee, H.R. 5754 makes no changes in existing law.

