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S. 898

To designate the Manhattan Campus of the New York Harbor Health Care System of the Department of Veterans Affairs as the “Margaret Cochran Corbin Campus of the New York Harbor Health Care System”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 27, 2019

Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs

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. DESIGNATION OF MANHATTAN CAMPUS OF**
4 **THE NEW YORK HARBOR HEALTH CARE SYS-**
5 **TEM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
6 **FAIRS, NEW YORK.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
8 ings:

1 (1) Margaret Cochran was born in Franklin
2 County, Pennsylvania, on November 12, 1751, and
3 married John Corbin in 1772.

4 (2) Three years after the marriage, when John
5 Corbin left to fight in the Revolutionary War as an
6 artilleryman, Margaret Corbin accompanied him to
7 war to support the Revolutionary Army.

8 (3) Margaret Corbin supported the Revolu-
9 tionary Army by caring for injured and sick soldiers
10 as well as by cooking and cleaning. During battle,
11 she also helped her husband load the cannon he was
12 responsible for manning.

13 (4) On November 16, 1776, John Corbin was
14 manning a cannon during the Battle of Fort Wash-
15 ington on Manhattan Island, New York, when he
16 was killed. Margaret Corbin heroically took her hus-
17 band's place, firing the cannon until she, too, was
18 hit by enemy fire and seriously wounded.

19 (5) Having lost the use of her left arm, Mar-
20 garet Corbin was assigned to the "Invalid Regi-
21 ment" at West Point, New York.

22 (6) The Continental Congress awarded Mar-
23 garet Corbin a lifelong pension for her injuries, mak-
24 ing her the first woman to receive a pension from

1 the United States by virtue of military service for
2 the United States.

3 (7) Margaret Corbin died in 1789 in Highland
4 Falls, New York. She is honored nearby at West
5 Point as a hero of the Revolutionary War.

6 (b) DESIGNATION.—The Manhattan Campus of the
7 New York Harbor Health Care System of the Department
8 of Veterans Affairs in New York, New York, shall after
9 the date of the enactment of this Act be known and des-
10 ignated as the “Margaret Cochran Corbin Campus of the
11 New York Harbor Health Care System”.

12 (c) REFERENCE.—Any reference in any law, regula-
13 tion, map, document, paper, or other record of the United
14 States to the Campus referred to in subsection (b) shall
15 be deemed to be a reference to the Margaret Cochran
16 Corbin Campus of the New York Harbor Health Care Sys-
17 tem.

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