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H. R. 3993

To prohibit the Secretary of the Navy from changing the names of certain
naval vessels.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PETERS (for himself, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, and Mr. LEVIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To prohibit the Secretary of the Navy from changing the
names of certain naval vessels.

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 “Preserving Great
5 Americans’ Legacies Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON NAME CHANGE OF CERTAIN**
7 **NAVAL VESSELS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 8662(b)
9 of title 10, United States Code, the Secretary of the Navy

1 may not change the name of any naval vessel that, as of
2 the date of the enactment of this Act, is named after an
3 individual referred to in subsection (b).

4 (b) INDIVIDUALS.—An individual referred to in this
5 subsection is any of the following:

- 6 (1) Cesar Chavez.
- 7 (2) Medgar Evers.
- 8 (3) Ruth Bader Ginsburg.
- 9 (4) Dolores Huerta.
- 10 (5) Thurgood Marshall.
- 11 (6) Harvey Milk.
- 12 (7) Lucy Stone.
- 13 (8) Harriet Tubman.

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