

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1596

To rename the Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge located in the State of Texas as the “Jocelyn Nungaray National Wildlife Refuge”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 5, 2025

Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. CRUZ) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “Jocelyn Nungaray Na-
5 tional Wildlife Refuge Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) On June 17, 2024, 12-year-old Jocelyn
9 Nungaray was brutally murdered in Houston, Texas.

1 (2) Two illegal aliens who were allegedly mem-
 2 bers of the Tren de Aragua gang have been charged
 3 with her murder.

4 (3) On March 4, 2025, President Donald J.
 5 Trump signed Executive Order 14229 (90 Fed. Reg.
 6 11585; relating to honoring Jocelyn Nungaray) re-
 7 naming the area known as the Anahuac National
 8 Wildlife Refuge to “Jocelyn Nungaray National
 9 Wildlife Refuge”.

10 (4) Ms. Nungaray loved animals and, given the
 11 close proximity of her hometown of Houston, it is
 12 fitting that the Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge be
 13 renamed in her honor.

14 **SEC. 3. RENAMING OF ANAHUAC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REF-**
 15 **UGE.**

16 (a) RENAMING.—The Anahuac National Wildlife Ref-
 17 uge located in the State of Texas shall be known as the
 18 “Jocelyn Nungaray National Wildlife Refuge”.

19 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
 20 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
 21 States to the national wildlife refuge referred to in sub-
 22 section (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the
 23 “Jocelyn Nungaray National Wildlife Refuge”.

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