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To designate the area of Sumner Row between 16th Street Northwest and L Street Northwest in Washington, District of Columbia, as “Alexei Navalny Way”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental 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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The administration of President Vladimir V.
6 Putin of the Russian Federation has engaged in
7 transnational repression, assassinations of political
8 opponents, poisoning and other attempted murders

1 of political opponents, journalists, and human rights
2 defenders, systemic human rights abuses, and
3 unprovoked military attacks against and deploy-
4 ments to neighboring countries.

5 (2) The administration of President Vladimir V.
6 Putin of the Russian Federation has carried out ar-
7 rests and detentions of individuals who peacefully
8 seek democratic freedoms or oppose his repression,
9 corruption, and invasion of Ukraine.

10 (3) Alexei Navalny was a Russian political dis-
11 sident and activist dedicated to promoting demo-
12 cratic freedoms and fighting corruption in Russia.

13 (4) On February 16, 2024, the Russian prison
14 where Alexei Navalny was being held after his con-
15 viction on fabricated charges in February 2021 an-
16 nounced that he had died a day after he was seen
17 in good health.

18 (5) Alexei Navalny had a history of exposing
19 the widespread corruption that sustained the Putin
20 regime by enriching its enablers. He was recognized
21 and awarded on numerous occasions for his work
22 fighting corruption and promoting democratic ideals.
23 Those recognitions and awards include the 2015
24 Prize of the Platform of European Memory and
25 Conscience, a nomination for the 2021 Nobel Peace

1 Prize, the 2021 Boris Nemtsov Prize for Courage,
 2 the 2021 Moral Courage Award by the Geneva Sum-
 3 mit for Human Rights and Democracy, the 2021
 4 Knight of Freedom Award by the Casimir Pulaski
 5 Foundation, and the 2021 Sakharov Prize by the
 6 European Parliament.

7 (6) Alexei Navalny and fellow dissident Vladi-
 8 mir Kara-Murza endured several poisonings and
 9 other attempts on their lives carried out by Putin’s
 10 government.

11 (7) Renaming the street near the official resi-
 12 dence of the Russian Ambassador to the United
 13 States serves as a continuing expression of solidarity
 14 between the people of the United States and the peo-
 15 ple of the Russian Federation, who are engaged in
 16 a sustained, peaceful, and patriotic struggle for fun-
 17 damental freedoms.

18 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF ALEXEI NAVALNY WAY.**

19 (a) DESIGNATION OF WAY.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The area of Sumner Row
 21 Northwest between 16th Street Northwest and L
 22 Street Northwest in Washington, District of Colum-
 23 bia, shall be known and designated as “Alexei
 24 Navalny Way”.

1 (2) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law,
2 map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of
3 the United States to the area referred to in para-
4 graph (1) shall be deemed to be a reference to
5 “Alexei Navalny Way”.

6 (b) SIGNS.—The District of Columbia shall construct
7 2 street signs—

8 (1) that contain the phrase “Alexei Navalny
9 Way”;

10 (2) one of which shall be placed immediately
11 above existing signs between 1135 16th Street
12 Northwest and 1119–1125 16th Street Northwest;

13 (3) one of which shall be placed on a sign post
14 at 1555 L Street Northwest; and

15 (4) that are similar in design to the signs used
16 by the District of Columbia to designate the location
17 of Metro stations.

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