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To amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the  
Ukrainian American Veterans, Incorporated.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 2005

Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Ms. KAPTUR, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. CROWLEY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. WEXLER, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal  
charter to the Ukrainian American Veterans, Incorporated.

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 “Ukrainian American  
5       Veterans Charter Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CHARTER FOR UKRAINIAN AMERICAN VETERANS,**  
 2 **INCORPORATED.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title 36, United States Code, is  
 4 amended by inserting after chapter 2103 the following  
 5 new chapter:

6 **“CHAPTER 2200—UKRAINIAN AMERICAN**  
 7 **VETERANS, INCORPORATED**

“Sec.

“220001. Definition.

“220002. Organization.

“220003. Purposes.

“220004. Powers.

“220005. Restrictions.

“220006. Duty to maintain corporate and tax-exempt status.

“220007. Records and inspection.

“220008. Liability for acts of officers and agents.

“220009. Annual report.

8 **“§ 220001. Definition**

9 “For purposes of this chapter, ‘State’ includes the  
 10 District of Columbia and the territories and possessions  
 11 of the United States.

12 **“§ 220002. Organization**

13 “(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—The Ukrainian American  
 14 Veterans, Incorporated (in this chapter, the ‘corporation’),  
 15 incorporated in New York, is a federally chartered cor-  
 16 poration.

17 “(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation  
 18 does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the  
 19 charter granted by this chapter expires.

1 **“§ 220003. Purposes**

2 “(a) GENERAL.—The purposes of the corporation are  
3 as provided in its articles of incorporation and include a  
4 commitment, on a national basis, to—

5 “(1) preserve, protect, and defend the Constitu-  
6 tion of the United States;

7 “(2) commemorate the wars, campaigns, and  
8 military actions of the United States in respect,  
9 honor, and tribute of the veterans of the Armed  
10 Forces;

11 “(3) promote a greater understanding of, and  
12 appreciation for, the sacrifices made by the veterans  
13 of the Armed Forces;

14 “(4) stimulate, to the highest degree possible,  
15 the interest of the people of the United States in the  
16 problems faced by the veterans of the Armed Forces,  
17 their widows, and orphans;

18 “(5) collect, edit, publish, and preserve records  
19 and artifacts of the patriotic service of veterans of  
20 the Armed Forces; and

21 “(6) foster the association of individuals of  
22 Ukrainian descent who have served in the Armed  
23 Forces.

24 “(b) CORPORATE FUNCTION.—The corporation shall  
25 function as an educational, patriotic, civic, and historical

1 organization under the laws of each State in which it is  
2 incorporated.

3 **“§ 220004. Powers**

4 “The corporation has only the powers provided in its  
5 bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in  
6 which it is incorporated.

7 **“§ 220005. Restrictions**

8 “(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may  
9 not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

10 “(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation and  
11 any officer or director of the corporation, acting as such  
12 officer or director, may not contribute to, support, or oth-  
13 erwise participate in any political activity or in any man-  
14 ner attempt to influence legislation.

15 “(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—No  
16 part of the income or assets of the corporation may inure  
17 to the benefit of, or be distributed to, any member, officer,  
18 or director of the corporation during the life of this char-  
19 ter. No provision in this subsection may be construed to  
20 prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to the  
21 officers and employees of the corporation or the reim-  
22 bursement of actual necessary expenses in amounts ap-  
23 proved by the board of directors of the corporation.

1       “(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make any  
2 loan to any member, officer, director, or employee of the  
3 corporation.

4       “(e) CLAIMS OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AU-  
5 THORITY.—The corporation may not claim the approval  
6 of the Congress or the authorization of the Federal Gov-  
7 ernment for any of its activities.

8       **“§ 220006. Duty to maintain corporate and tax-ex-**  
9                               **empt status**

10       “(a) CORPORATE STATUS.—The corporation shall  
11 maintain its status as a corporation incorporated under  
12 the laws of New York.

13       “(b) TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.—The corporation shall  
14 maintain its status as an organization exempt from tax-  
15 ation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C.  
16 1 et seq.).

17       **“§ 220007. Records and inspection**

18       “(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

19               “(1) correct and complete records of account;

20               “(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members,  
21 board of directors, and committees having any of the  
22 authority of its board of directors; and

23               “(3) at its principal office, a record of the  
24 names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

1 **“§ 220008. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

2 “The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers  
3 and agents within the scope of their authority.

4 **“§ 220009. Annual report**

5 “The corporation shall submit an annual report to  
6 Congress on the activities of the corporation during the  
7 prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the  
8 same time as the report of the audit required by section  
9 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a  
10 public document.”.

11 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of chapters  
12 at the beginning of subtitle II of title 36, United States  
13 Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to  
14 chapter 2103 the following new item:

**“2200. Ukrainian American Veterans, Incorporated .....220001”.**

