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To designate a peak in the State of Alaska as “Mount Chosin Few”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Alaska introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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Chosin Few”.

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 “The Mount Chosin
5 Few Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) from June 25, 1950, to July 27, 1953, the
9 Korean War was fought between the Korean Peo-
10 ple’s Army of the Democratic People’s Republic of
11 Korea and the Republic of Korea Army with the

1 United States and Allies backing the Republic of
2 Korea;

3 (2) the invasion of Korea marked the first mili-
4 tary action of the Cold War;

5 (3) at the end of the invasion, approximately
6 5,000,000 soldiers and civilians lost their lives;

7 (4) the Chosin Reservoir is a manmade lake
8 that lies in the northern region of Korea and con-
9 tains the only road that leads to Hungnam port;

10 (5) in late November 1950, the Allied forces
11 sent 20,000 soldiers, primarily from the First Ma-
12 rine Division, over the Taebek Mountains to capture
13 the northern end of the Korean Peninsula;

14 (6) on November 27, 1950, at the Chosin Res-
15 ervoir, Korea, the Marines of the First Marine Divi-
16 sion, along with elements of the Third and Seventh
17 Infantry Divisions, were surprised and quickly sur-
18 rounded by an overwhelming Chinese force, which
19 outnumbered the Allied forces by a ratio of 10 to 1;

20 (7) the fighting that ensued at the Chosin Res-
21 ervoir was among the most brutal in modern times
22 due, in part, to temperatures that were less than
23 zero degrees Fahrenheit and wind speeds of up to 50
24 miles per hour;

1 (8) due to the brutal winter conditions at the
2 Chosin Reservoir, many soldiers in the Allied forces
3 froze to death and almost all of the Allied soldiers
4 suffered from severe frostbite;

5 (9) although the Chinese troops managed to
6 surround and outnumber the “Chosin Few”, the Al-
7 lied forces broke out of the encirclement, carrying
8 dead and wounded soldiers of the Allied forces, try-
9 ing to reach the Hungnam port;

10 (10) the Allied soldiers trekked 70 miles in the
11 brutal weather while inflicting further losses on the
12 Chinese Army, killing about 30,000 Chinese soldiers;

13 (11) on December 11, 1950, the last of the Al-
14 lied forces miraculously managed to make it to the
15 Hungnam port, where they would later be evacuated;

16 (12) overall, approximately 3,000 soldiers in the
17 Allied forces died in the battle and approximately
18 13,000 were wounded;

19 (13) 17 of the Allied soldiers who fought at the
20 Chosin Reservoir received the Congressional Medal
21 of Honor, the highest honor the Nation can bestow
22 upon a soldier;

23 (14) more than 70 Navy Crosses were awarded
24 to Allied soldiers who fought at the Chosin Res-
25 ervoir; and

1 (15) the designation of an unnamed peak in the
2 Chugach National Forest in the State of Alaska in
3 honor of the soldiers who fought courageously in the
4 Chosin Reservoir during the Korean war would be a
5 fitting tribute to the sacrifices the “Chosin Few”
6 made for their country.

7 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF MOUNT CHOSIN FEW IN THE**
8 **STATE OF ALASKA.**

9 (a) DESIGNATION.—Not later than 30 days after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the unnamed peak lo-
11 cated at latitude 60°49’47” N and longitude 145°08’01”
12 W in the Alaska Chugach National Forest in the State
13 of Alaska shall be known and designated as “Mount
14 Chosin Few”.

15 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
16 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
17 States to the peak referred to in subsection (a) shall be
18 deemed to be a reference to “Mount Chosin Few”.

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