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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 18, 2017

Ms. CLARKE of New York (for herself, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. NADLER, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. MENG, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. PALLONE, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. LEE, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. EVANS, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, and Mr. HASTINGS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Honoring Real Patri-
3 ots Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress makes the following findings:

6 (1) The American Civil War of 1861–1865 was
7 fought over the desire of the seceding States to keep
8 human beings enslaved based upon their race.

9 (2) The Confederacy was so committed to pre-
10 serving the institution of slavery that it killed more
11 than 360,000 American soldiers in its failed effort to
12 achieve this goal.

13 (3) This act of treason was a direct attack on
14 the existence of the United States and merits no
15 honor to the Confederacy as an institution or its
16 leaders as individuals by the United States Armed
17 Forces.

18 (4) Nonetheless, United States military installa-
19 tions and other property under the jurisdiction of
20 the Department of Defense, including General Lee
21 Avenue and Stonewall Jackson Drive at Fort Ham-
22 ilton, New York, remain named after rebels who
23 took up arms against the United States.

24 (5) The United States Armed Forces are essen-
25 tial to defending the United States and protecting

1 American values of freedom, equality, and demo-
2 cratic governance.

3 (6) This role is undermined when military in-
4 stallations, facilities, roads, equipment, and other
5 property are named after enemy combatants who
6 took up arms during the Civil War to challenge the
7 very values for which the United States stands.

8 (7) Naming military property after armed in-
9 surrectionists with American blood on their hands is
10 an affront to members of the Armed Forces, many
11 of whom are people of color, who take an oath to
12 protect and defend the Constitution.

13 (8) There are an ample number of meritorious
14 members of the Armed Forces, who loyally served
15 the United States, for whom military property could
16 and should be named.

17 **SEC. 3. REDESIGNATION OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND**
18 **OTHER PROPERTY UNDER THE JURISDIC-**
19 **TION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**
20 **NAMED AFTER INDIVIDUALS WHO TOOK UP**
21 **ARMS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES DURING**
22 **THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR.**

23 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
24 United States that no military installation or other prop-
25 erty under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense

1 shall be or remain named after any individual who took
2 up arms against the United States during the American
3 Civil War or any individual or entity that supported such
4 efforts.

5 (b) REDESIGNATION OF PROPERTY.—Not later than
6 one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
7 Secretary of Defense shall change the name of each mili-
8 tary installation and other property under the jurisdiction
9 of the Department of Defense that, as of the date of the
10 enactment of this Act, is named after any individual who
11 took up arms against the United States during the Amer-
12 ican Civil War or named after any individual or entity that
13 supported such efforts.

14 (c) IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.—Not later than 30
15 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
16 of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-
17 ices of the House of Representatives and the Senate a re-
18 port containing a plan to comply with this section by the
19 deadline specified in subsection (b). The report shall in-
20 clude the following:

21 (1) A comprehensive list of all military installa-
22 tions and other property under the jurisdiction of
23 the Department of Defense whose name needs to be
24 changed to comply with this section.

- 1 (2) An estimate of the funding necessary to im-
- 2 plement this section, including costs associated with
- 3 new signage, maps, documents, and other materials
- 4 to reflect changes in names.

