

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6810

To affirm the power of the President to revoke the Presidential Medal of Freedom awarded to Bill Cosby and to provide for criminal penalties for anyone who wears or publicly displays a Presidential Medal of Freedom that has been revoked.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Mr. NORMAN, and Ms. SPEIER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT THE PRESIDENT**
2 **SHOULD REVOKE THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL**
3 **OF FREEDOM AWARDED TO BILL COSBY.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Established in 1963 and bestowed by the
6 President of the United States, the Presidential
7 Medal of Freedom is the highest civilian honor of
8 our Nation.

9 (2) The Presidential Medal of Freedom is
10 awarded to recipients for “especially meritorious
11 contributions to the security or national interests of
12 the United States, to world peace, or to cultural or
13 other significant public or private endeavors”.

14 (3) William Henry “Bill” Cosby, Jr. (in this
15 subsection referred to as “Cosby”), received the
16 Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2002.

17 (4) On Thursday April 26, 2018, a jury found
18 Cosby guilty of sexual assault, and, therefore, the
19 Federal Government should not recognize Cosby
20 with an honor like the Presidential Medal of Free-
21 dom.

22 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
23 gress that the President should revoke the Presidential
24 Medal of Freedom awarded to William Henry “Bill”
25 Cosby, Jr.

1 **SEC. 2. CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR WEARING OR DISPLAYING**
2 **A REVOKED PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREE-**
3 **DOM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 33 of title 18, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

7 **“§ 717. Revoked Presidential Medal of Freedom**

8 “Whoever, with the intent to defraud any person,
9 wears or publicly displays a Presidential Medal of Free-
10 dom that has been declared to be revoked by the President
11 shall be fined under this title or imprisoned for not more
12 than one year, or both.”.

13 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
14 at the beginning of chapter 33 of title 18, United States
15 Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to
16 section 716 the following:

“717. Revoked Presidential Medal of Freedom.”.

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