

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5772

To amend title 36, United States Code, to require the Hostage and Wrongful Detainee flag to be displayed on key historical dates, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 17, 2025

Mr. KEAN (for himself and Mr. MOSKOWITZ) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Remembering Amer-
5 ican Hostages Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. HOSTAGE AND WRONGFUL DETAINEE FLAG.**

7 Section 904(b) of title 36, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (2)—

1 (A) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as
2 subparagraph (E);

3 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (C)
4 the following:

5 “(D) Key dates in hostage and wrongful
6 detention history, including—

7 “(i) November 4 and January 20, key
8 dates of the Iranian hostage crisis;

9 “(ii) August 19, the date of the death
10 of James Foley.”; and

11 “(iii) October 7, the date of Hamas’
12 unprovoked attack where more than 240
13 were taken hostage, including 12 Ameri-
14 cans; and”; and

15 (C) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(F) With respect to the locations de-
17 scribed in subparagraphs (D) through (G) of
18 paragraph (3), any day on which the United
19 States Flag is displayed.”; and

20 (2) in paragraph (3)—

21 (A) in subparagraph (C)—

22 (i) in clause (i) by striking “and” at
23 the end;

1 (ii) in clause (ii) by striking the pe-
2 riod at the end and inserting a semicolon;
3 and

4 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(iii) the Attorney General;

7 “(iv) the Secretary of Education;

8 “(v) the Secretary of Transportation;

9 and

10 “(vi) the Secretary of Commerce.”;

11 and

12 (B) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(D) The buildings containing any office of
14 the Department of State offices in the United
15 States.

16 “(E) Each embassy and consulate of the
17 United States.

18 “(F) The buildings containing any office of
19 the Department of Justice in the United States,
20 unless otherwise specified by the Attorney Gen-
21 eral.

22 “(G) Each place in the United States at
23 which an individual can initiate, renew, or oth-
24 erwise obtain a passport of the United States,
25 in a location visible to such individuals.”.

1 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 It is the sense of Congress that the Federal Govern-
3 ment should strongly encourage local and State govern-
4 ments and airports across the United States, in coordina-
5 tion with the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Ad-
6 ministration, to fly the Hostage and Wrongful Detainee
7 flag on days as specified in section 904 of title 36, United
8 States Code, including distributing an Executive order for
9 direction to raise and fly such flag on specified days in
10 honor of a hostage returning to the United States, or
11 whenever a hostage is recognized as passing away in cap-
12 tivity.

