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To remove Confederate names, symbols, displays, monuments, and paraphernalia from assets of the Department of Defense.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BENNET, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. UDALL, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. SMITH, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. COONS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. ROSEN, and Ms. DUCKWORTH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Removing Confederate
5 Names and Symbols from Our Military Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF CONFEDERATE NAMES, SYMBOLS, DIS-**
2 **PLAYS, MONUMENTS, AND PARAPHERNALIA**
3 **FROM ASSETS OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

4 (a) REMOVAL.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
6 graph (2), not later than one year after the date of
7 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
8 shall remove all names, symbols, displays, monu-
9 ments, and paraphernalia that honor or commemo-
10 rate the Confederate States of America (commonly
11 referred to as the “Confederacy”) or any person who
12 served voluntarily with the Confederate States of
13 America from all assets of the Department of De-
14 fense.

15 (2) EXEMPTION FOR GRAVE MARKERS.—The
16 requirement under paragraph (1) shall not apply to
17 grave markers.

18 (b) CERTIFICATION.—Upon completion of the re-
19 moval required under subsection (a), the Secretary shall
20 submit to the Committee on the Armed Services of the
21 Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the
22 House of Representatives a certification in writing detail-
23 ing that such removal has been completed.

24 (c) PROHIBITION ON DISPLAY.—Beginning on the
25 date on which the Secretary submits the certification re-
26 quired by subsection (b), the Secretary may not place, as-

1 sign, or otherwise use any name, symbol, display, monu-
2 ment, or paraphernalia that honors or commemorates the
3 Confederate States of America or any person who served
4 voluntarily with the Confederate States of America at any
5 asset of the Department.

6 (d) ASSET DEFINED.—In this section, the term
7 “asset” includes any base, installation, street, building, fa-
8 cility, aircraft, ship, plane, weapon, equipment, or any
9 other property owned or controlled by the Department of
10 Defense.