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[Report No. 115-]

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for the protection of community centers with religious affiliation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2017

Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee (for himself, Mr. KILMER, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

NOVEMBER --, 2017

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italics]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 27, 2017]

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 “Protecting Religiously*
5 *Affiliated Institutions Act of 2017”.*

6 **SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF COMMUNITY CENTERS WITH RELI-**
7 **GIUS AFFILIATION.**

8 *Section 247 of title 18, United States Code, is amend-*
9 *ed—*

10 *(1) in subsection (a)(2), by inserting after*
11 *“threat of force,” the following: “including by threat*
12 *of force against religious real property,”;*

13 *(2) in subsection (d)—*

14 *(A) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” at*
15 *the end;*

16 *(B) by redesignating paragraph (4) as*
17 *paragraph (5); and*

18 *(C) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-*
19 *lowing:*

20 *“(4) if damage to or destruction of property re-*
21 *sults from the acts committed, by means of fire or ex-*
22 *plosives, in violation of this section, a fine in accord-*
23 *ance with this title and imprisonment for not more*
24 *than 3 years, or both; and”;* and

1 (3) *in subsection (f), by inserting before the pe-*
2 *riod at the end the following: “, or real property*
3 *owned or leased by a nonprofit, religiously affiliated*
4 *organization”.*