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[Report No. 118-]

To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 600 East First Street in Rome, Georgia, as the “Harold L. Murphy Federal Building and United States Courthouse”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 26, 2023

Ms. GREENE of Georgia, introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Judge Harold L. Murphy was born in
6 Felton, Georgia, in 1927.

7 (2) He attended West Georgia College before
8 serving in the United States Navy during the closing
9 years of World War II.

10 (3) He resumed his studies at the University of
11 Mississippi and the University of Georgia School of
12 Law, where he graduated in 1949.

13 (4) He began a law practice in Haralson Coun-
14 ty, Georgia, and in 1950 was elected to the Georgia
15 House of Representatives as the youngest Member
16 at the time.

17 (5) Judge Murphy served five consecutive terms
18 before stepping down in 1961 to focus on practicing
19 law.

20 (6) In 1971, Judge Murphy was appointed by
21 Governor Jimmy Carter to the Superior Court for
22 the Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit, and following his
23 election in 1976, President Carter nominated Judge
24 Murphy to the United States District Court for the
25 Northern District of Georgia.

1 (7) Judge Murphy was confirmed by the United
2 States Senate on July 28, 1977.

3 (8) For 45 years, he served his country on the
4 Federal bench and became an acclaimed jurist and
5 legal icon with a stellar reputation that extended far
6 beyond Georgia.

7 (9) He always displayed a quick wit and a keen
8 sense of humor, was kind and empathetic, and treat-
9 ed all those who appeared before him with courtesy
10 and respect.

11 (10) Judge Murphy worked tirelessly and car-
12 ried a full docket until the age of 90, when he took
13 senior judge status in the Northern District of Geor-
14 gia.

15 (11) He continued to preside over cases until
16 his death on December 28, 2022.

17 (12) Judge Murphy received many professional
18 awards and recognitions, including from the State
19 Bar of Georgia and the University of Georgia School
20 of Law.

21 (13) In 2014, Alabama State University re-
22 named its graduate school after Judge Murphy in
23 recognition of his landmark ruling in Knight v. Ala-
24 bama, a long-running case that the Eleventh Circuit
25 Court of Appeals asked him to handle involving the

1 vestiges of racial segregation then present in the
2 Alabama University System.

3 (14) Above all else, Judge Murphy was a loving
4 and devoted husband and father—and a strong role
5 model.

6 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION.**

7 The Federal building and United States courthouse
8 located at 600 East First Street in Rome, Georgia, shall
9 be known and designated as the “Harold L. Murphy Fed-
10 eral Building and United States Courthouse”.

11 **SEC. 3. REFERENCES.**

12 Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document,
13 paper, or other record of the United States to the Federal
14 building and United States courthouse referred to in sec-
15 tion 2 shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Harold
16 L. Murphy Federal Building and United States Court-
17 house”.