

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 6395
OFFERED BY MR. BROWN OF MARYLAND

At the end of subtitle C of title XXVIII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 28** ____. **RENAMING CERTAIN MILITARY INSTALLA-**
2 **TIONS AND OTHER DEFENSE PROPERTY.**

3 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

4 (1) The term “advisory panel” means a advisory panel established by the Secretary concerned to
5 assist the Secretary concerned in the renaming process required by this section.
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8 (2) The term “covered defense property” means
9 any real property, including any building, structure,
10 or other improvement to real property thereon,
11 under the jurisdiction of the Secretary concerned
12 that is named after any person who served in the political or military leadership of any armed rebellion
13 against the United States.
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15 (3) The term “covered military installation”
16 means a military installation or reserve component
17 facility that is named after any person who served
18 in the political or military leadership of any armed
19 rebellion against the United States.

1 (4) The term “identification report” means the
2 initial report required by subsection (c) that identi-
3 fies covered military installations and covered de-
4 fense property.

5 (5) The term “military installation” has the
6 meaning given that term in section 2801(c) of title
7 10, United States Code.

8 (6) The term “other improvement” includes any
9 library, classroom, parade ground or athletic field,
10 training range, roadway, or similar physical feature.

11 (7) The term “process report” means the report
12 required by subsection (d) that describes the renam-
13 ing process to be used by the Secretary concerned.

14 (8) The term “renaming report” means the
15 final report required by subsection (f) that provides
16 new names for covered military installations and
17 covered defense property.

18 (9) The term “reserve component facility” has
19 the meaning given the term “facility” in section
20 18232 of title 10, United States Code, and covers
21 those facilities for which title is vested in the United
22 States or for which the Secretary of Defense contrib-
23 uted funds under section 18233(a) of such title or
24 former section 2233 of such title.

1 (10) The term “Secretary concerned” means
2 the Secretary of a military department and includes
3 the Secretary of Defense with respect to matters
4 concerning the Defense Agencies.

5 (b) RENAMING REQUIRED; DEADLINE.—Not later
6 than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
7 the Secretary concerned shall—

8 (1) complete the renaming process required by
9 this section; and

10 (2) commence the renaming of each covered
11 military installation and covered defense property
12 identified in the renaming report pursuant to the
13 guidance issued by the Secretary concerned under
14 subsection (f).

15 (c) IDENTIFICATION REPORT; DEADLINE.—Not later
16 than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
17 each Secretary concerned shall submit to the congressional
18 defense committees a report that identifies each covered
19 military installation and all covered defense property
20 under the jurisdiction of the Secretary concerned that the
21 Secretary concerned determines satisfies the definitions
22 given those terms in subsection (a).

23 (d) PROCESS REPORT; DEADLINE.—

24 (1) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 90
25 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,

1 each Secretary concerned shall submit to the con-
2 gressional defense committees a report describing
3 the process by which the Secretary concerned will re-
4 name each covered military installation and covered
5 defense property identified in the renaming report
6 prepared by the Secretary concerned.

7 (2) REPORT ELEMENTS.—At minimum, the
8 process report shall contain the following elements:

9 (A) A detailed description of the process to
10 be used by the Secretary concerned to develop
11 a list of potential names for renaming covered
12 military installations and covered defense prop-
13 erty.

14 (B) An explanation regarding whether or
15 not the Secretary concerned established, or will
16 establish, an advisory panel to support the re-
17 view process and make recommendations to the
18 Secretary concerned. If the Secretary concerned
19 has established, or will establish, an advisory
20 panel, the report shall include the names and
21 positions of the individuals who will serve on
22 the advisory panel that represent:

23 (i) Military leadership from covered
24 military installations.

1 (ii) Military leadership from military
2 installations containing covered defense
3 property..

4 (iii) State leaders and leaders of the
5 locality in which a covered military instal-
6 lation or covered defense property is lo-
7 cated.

8 (iv) Representatives from military mu-
9 seums, military historians, or relevant his-
10 torians from the impacted States and local-
11 ities with relevant expertise.

12 (v) Community civil rights leaders.

13 (C) The criteria the Secretary concerned
14 will use to inform the renaming process.

15 (D) A description of the process for ac-
16 cepting and considering public comments from
17 members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and
18 members of the local community on potential
19 names for renaming covered military installa-
20 tions and covered defense property.

21 (E) A timeline for the renaming process
22 consistent with the deadline specified in sub-
23 section (b).

24 (e) CONGRESSIONAL GUIDANCE ON RENAMING CRI-
25 TERIA.—

1 (1) PREFERENCES.—As part of the renaming
2 process established by the Secretary concerned and
3 described in the process report required by sub-
4 section (c), the Secretary concerned shall give a
5 preference for renaming covered military installa-
6 tions and covered defense property after either—

7 (A) a battlefield victory by the Armed
8 Forces consistent with current Department of
9 Defense naming conventions; or

10 (B) a deceased member of the Armed
11 Forces who satisfies one of more of the fol-
12 lowing:

13 (i) Was a recipient of the Congres-
14 sional Medal of Honor.

15 (ii) Was recognized for heroism in
16 combat or for other significant contribu-
17 tions to the United States.

18 (iii) Was a member of a minority
19 group who overcame prejudice and adver-
20 sity to perform distinguished military serv-
21 ice.

22 (iv) Has links to the community or
23 State where the military installation or
24 covered property is located.

1 (v) Served at the covered military in-
2 stallation, in a unit of the Armed Forces
3 based at the covered installation; or at the
4 military installation containing the covered
5 defense property.

6 (2) OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.—

7 (A) JUNIOR SERVICEMEMBERS.—Junior
8 members of the Armed Forces should be fa-
9 vored in the renaming process over general offi-
10 cers or flag officers.

11 (B) BRANCH CONSIDERATION.—A de-
12 ceased member of the Armed Forces whose
13 name is selected in the renaming process should
14 have served in the same Armed Force as the
15 majority of the members of the Armed Forces
16 stationed at the covered military installation re-
17 named in honor of the deceased member or at
18 which the renamed covered defense property is
19 located.

20 (C) CONFLICT CONSIDERATION.—The
21 names selected in the renaming process should
22 recognize and reflect significant battles or con-
23 tingency operations since 1917 or the contribu-
24 tions of members of the Armed Forces who

1 served in wars and contingency operations since
2 1917.

3 (D) PERSONAL CONDUCT.—A deceased
4 member of the Armed Forces whose name is se-
5 lected in the renaming process should be a per-
6 son whose personal conduct reflects the current
7 values of the Armed Forces and its members.

8 (f) RENAMING REPORT; DEADLINE.—

9 (1) REPORT REQUIRED.—Upon completing the
10 renaming process identified in the process report,
11 but not later than 30 days before the deadline speci-
12 fied in subsection (b), each Secretary concerned shall
13 submit to the congressional defense committees a
14 final report containing the list of the new names
15 chosen for each covered military installation and cov-
16 ered defense property identified in the identification
17 report prepared by the Secretary concerned.

18 (2) REPORT ELEMENTS.—At minimum, the re-
19 naming report shall contain an explanation of the
20 reasons for the selection of each new name chosen
21 for covered military installations and covered defense
22 property.

23 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary con-
24 cerned shall make the renaming report publicly

1 available as soon as practicable after submission of
2 the renaming report.

3 (3) GUIDANCE FOR ACTUAL RENAMING.—Not
4 later than 30 days after submission of the renaming
5 report, the Secretary concerned shall issue guidance
6 to promptly affect the name changes contained in
7 the renaming report.

8 (g) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section or the
9 renaming process required by this section shall be con-
10 strued to have any effect on grave markers or cemeteries
11 that may exist on real property under the jurisdiction of
12 the Department of Defense.

