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To prohibit the flying, draping, or other display of any flag other than the flag of the United States at public buildings, and for other purposes.

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Mrs. HARSHBARGER (for herself, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. HUNT, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. SCHMIDT, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. MANN, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. LEE of Florida, Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona, Mr. DONALDS, and Mr. BURLISON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, Foreign Affairs, and House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “One Flag for All Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON FLAGS OTHER THAN THE FLAG OF**
2 **THE UNITED STATES.**

3 (a) PROHIBITIONS.—No flag that is not the flag of
4 the United States may be flown, draped, or otherwise dis-
5 played—

6 (1) on the exterior of a covered public building;

7 or

8 (2) in an area of a covered public building that
9 is fully accessible to the public, including an
10 entryway or hallway.

11 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—The prohibitions under subsection
12 (a) shall not apply to—

13 (1) a National League of Families POW/MIA
14 flag (as designated by section 902 of title 36, United
15 States Code);

16 (2) a Hostage and Wrongful Detainee flag (as
17 designated by section 904 of title 36, United States
18 Code);

19 (3) any flag that represents the nation of a vis-
20 iting diplomat or a representative of the government
21 of such nation visiting the public building at which
22 the flag is displayed;

23 (4) in the case of a Member of Congress, the
24 State flag of the State represented by such Member
25 that is located outside or within the office of the
26 Member;

1 (5) any flag that represents a unit or branch of
2 the Armed Forces or a flag supporting the Armed
3 Forces;

4 (6) any flag of historical significance to the
5 United States, including the Betsy Ross flag, the
6 Gadsden flag, and the Bennington flag;

7 (7) a flag representing public safety;

8 (8) a flag commemorating a specific national
9 observance, including the 9/11 Memorial flag and
10 the Remembrance Day flag;

11 (9) in the case of a religious liturgy or cere-
12 mony at a military installation or facility, any flag
13 that represents a religious organization or church
14 that is covered by section 501(c)(3) of the Internal
15 Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under
16 section 501(a) of such Code;

17 (10) in the case of a Federal agency, a flag rep-
18 resenting such agency;

19 (11) any flag that represents an Indian Tribe
20 (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Deter-
21 mination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C.
22 5304)); or

23 (12) any flag that represents the State, terri-
24 tory, county, city, or local jurisdiction in which the
25 public building is located.

1 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES.—The term
3 “flag of the United States” has the meaning given
4 the term in section 700(b) of title 18, United States
5 Code.

6 (2) COVERED PUBLIC BUILDING.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “covered
8 public building” has the meaning given the
9 term in section 3301(a) of title 40, United
10 States Code.

11 (B) INCLUSION.—The term “public build-
12 ing” includes—

13 (i) a building in use by the Senate or
14 the House of Representatives, or otherwise
15 under the jurisdiction of the Architect of
16 the Capitol;

17 (ii) a military installation (as defined
18 in section 2801(c) of title 10, United
19 States Code); and

20 (iii) any embassy or consulate of the
21 United States.

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