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H. R. 1738

To designate the area of Sumner Row between 16th Street Northwest and L Street Northwest in Washington, District of Columbia, as “Alexei Navalny Way”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2025

Mr. QUIGLEY (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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) The administration of President Vladimir V.
6 Putin of the Russian Federation has engaged in
7 transnational repression, assassinations of political
8 opponents, poisoning and other attempted murders
9 of political opponents, journalists, and human rights

1 defenders, systemic human rights abuses, and
2 unprovoked military attacks against and deploy-
3 ments to neighboring countries.

4 (2) The administration of President Vladimir V.
5 Putin of the Russian Federation has carried out ar-
6 rests and detentions of individuals who peacefully
7 seek democratic freedoms or oppose his repression,
8 corruption, and invasion of Ukraine.

9 (3) Alexei Navalny was a Russian political dis-
10 sident and activist dedicated to promoting demo-
11 cratic freedoms and fighting corruption in Russia.

12 (4) On February 16, 2024, the Russian prison
13 where Alexei Navalny was being held after his con-
14 viction on fabricated charges in February 2021 an-
15 nounced that he had died a day after he was seen
16 in good health.

17 (5) Alexei Navalny had a history of exposing
18 the widespread corruption that sustained the Putin
19 regime by enriching its enablers. He was recognized
20 and awarded on numerous occasions for his work
21 fighting corruption and promoting democratic ideals.
22 Those recognitions and awards include the 2015
23 Prize of the Platform of European Memory and
24 Conscience, a nomination for the 2021 Nobel Peace
25 Prize, the 2021 Boris Nemtsov Prize for Courage,

1 the 2021 Moral Courage Award by the Geneva Sum-
2 mit for Human Rights and Democracy, the 2021
3 Knight of Freedom Award by the Casimir Pulaski
4 Foundation, and the 2021 Sakharov Prize by the
5 European Parliament.

6 (6) Alexei Navalny and fellow dissident Vladi-
7 mir Kara-Murza endured several poisonings and
8 other attempts on their lives carried out by Putin’s
9 government.

10 (7) Renaming the street near the official resi-
11 dence of the Russian Ambassador to the United
12 States serves as a continuing expression of solidarity
13 between the people of the United States and the peo-
14 ple of the Russian Federation, who are engaged in
15 a sustained, peaceful, and patriotic struggle for fun-
16 damental freedoms.

17 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF ALEXEI NAVALNY WAY.**

18 (a) DESIGNATION OF WAY.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The area of Sumner Row
20 Northwest between 16th Street Northwest and L
21 Street Northwest in Washington, District of Colum-
22 bia, shall be known and designated as “Alexei
23 Navalny Way”.

24 (2) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law,
25 map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of

1 the United States to the area referred to in para-
2 graph (1) shall be deemed to be a reference to
3 “Alexei Navalny Way”.

4 (b) SIGNS.—The District of Columbia shall construct
5 2 street signs—

6 (1) that contain the phrase “Alexei Navalny
7 Way”;

8 (2) one of which shall be placed immediately
9 above existing signs between 1135 16th Street
10 Northwest and 1119–1125 16th Street Northwest;

11 (3) one of which shall be placed on a sign post
12 at 1555 L Street Northwest; and

13 (4) that are similar in design to the signs used
14 by the District of Columbia to designate the location
15 of Metro stations.

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