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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN (for herself, Mr. POCAN, and Ms. NORTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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to detain aliens of good moral character, and for other
purposes.

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 “Fundamental Immi-
5 gration Fairness Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON DETENTION OF ALIENS OF GOOD**
7 **MORAL CHARACTER.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
9 (b), the Secretary of Homeland Security may not take into

1 custody an alien, prior to the entry of an order of removal
2 against the alien, who is arriving at or departing from—

3 (1) any field office of the Department of Home-
4 land Security; or

5 (2) any facility of the Executive Office for Im-
6 migration Review.

7 (b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply in
8 the case of an alien who is not of good moral character,
9 as determined by an immigration judge, in accordance
10 with section 101(f) of the Immigration and Nationality
11 Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(f)).

12 (c) CLARIFICATION.—Section 101(f) of the Immigra-
13 tion and Nationality Act is amended by adding at the end
14 the following: “A determination that an alien is not of
15 good moral character may not be based solely on the
16 alien’s unlawful presence in or unlawful entry into the
17 United States.”.

18 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms have
19 the meanings given such terms in the Immigration and
20 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

21 **SEC. 3. NO PUBLIC DISPLAY OF PARTIES TO IMMIGRATION**
22 **PROCEEDINGS.**

23 The Attorney General may not display the name of
24 any party (other than the United States) to an immigra-
25 tion proceeding outside the room in which the proceeding

- 1 is taking place or is to take place, or any other location
- 2 in a facility of the Executive Office for Immigration Re-
- 3 view that can be accessed by the public.

