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H. R. 4196

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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. HARSHBARGER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and Foreign Affairs, 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”.

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

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

5 (2) PUBLIC BUILDING.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
7 subparagraph (B), the term “public building”
8 has the meaning given the term in section
9 3301(a) of title 40, United States Code.

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

12 (i) a military installation (as defined
13 in section 2801(c) of title 10, United
14 States Code); and

15 (ii) any embassy or consulate of the
16 United States.

17 (b) PROHIBITIONS.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
18 vision of law and except as provided in subsection (c), no
19 flag that is not the flag of the United States may be flown,
20 draped, or otherwise displayed—

21 (1) on the exterior of a public building; or

22 (2) in the hallway of a public building.

23 (c) EXCEPTIONS.—The prohibitions under subsection
24 (b) shall not apply to—

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

4 (2) any flag that represents the nation of a vis-
5 iting diplomat;

6 (3) the State flag of the State represented by
7 a member of Congress, outside or within the office
8 of the member;

9 (4) in the case of a military installation, any
10 flag that represents a unit or branch of the Armed
11 Forces;

12 (5) any flag that represents an Indian Tribe (as
13 defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination
14 and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)); or

15 (6) any flag that represents the State, territory,
16 county, city, or local jurisdiction in which the public
17 building is located.

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