

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2810

To designate the Federal building located at 985 Michigan Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, as the “John Conyers Federal Building”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 24, 2023

Mr. THANEDAR (for himself, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, and Mr. IVEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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) Congressman John James Conyers, Jr., was
6 born in Detroit, Michigan in 1929.

7 (2) Conyers served in the Michigan National
8 Guard from 1948 to 1950, the United States Army
9 from 1950 to 1954 (1 year of which he was an offi-

1 cer in the Korean War with the Corps of Engineers),
2 and the Army Reserves from 1954 to 1957.

3 (3) Conyers resumed his studies at Wayne
4 State University and earned a Bachelor of Arts in
5 1957 and Bachelor of Laws in 1958.

6 (4) Conyers was a leader in the Civil Rights
7 Movement, being present in Selma, Alabama on Oc-
8 tober 7, 1963, for the Freedom Day voter registra-
9 tion drive.

10 (5) Conyers was elected to the United States
11 House of Representatives in 1964 and was reelected
12 25 times.

13 (6) Conyers was the first African-American
14 Dean of the United States House of Representa-
15 tives, having been the longest-serving member from
16 2015 to 2017.

17 (7) Conyers was the longest-serving African-
18 American member of the United States House of
19 Representatives, the third longest-serving member of
20 the United States House of Representatives, and the
21 sixth longest-serving member of Congress in history.

22 (8) Conyers was the second-longest serving
23 member of the congressional delegation of Michigan,
24 trailing only Congressman John Dingell.

1 (9) Conyers was one of the 13 founding mem-
2 bers of the Congressional Black Caucus and was
3 considered the Dean of the group.

4 (10) Conyers was the first African American to
5 serve on the Judiciary Committee.

6 (11) Conyers was the first member to introduce
7 the “Commission to Study Reparation Proposals for
8 America Americans Act”, which calls for the estab-
9 lishment of a commission to research the history of
10 slavery in the United States and its effects on cur-
11 rent society.

12 (12) Conyers introduced the United States Na-
13 tional Health Care Act, which calls for the creation
14 of a universal single-payer health care system in the
15 United States, in which the government would pro-
16 vide every resident health care free of charge.

17 (13) For 52 years, Conyers served his country
18 in Congress and became an acclaimed lawmaker and
19 civil rights icon with a strong reputation that ex-
20 tended far beyond Michigan.

21 (14) Conyers always displayed advocacy on be-
22 half of civil rights, social justice, and workers’
23 rights.

24 (15) At the end of his political tenure, Conyers
25 faced accusations of sexual harassment. Fully recog-

1 nizing the pain that those failures caused, Conyers’
2 legacy as a champion of civil rights and social justice
3 remains a significant part of American history.

4 (16) Conyers resigned from Congress on De-
5 cember 5, 2017.

6 (17) Conyers continued to live in Detroit,
7 Michigan, until his death on October 27, 2019, at
8 the age of 90.

9 (18) Above all else, Congressman Conyers was
10 a loving and devoted leader and a fighter for his
11 community.

12 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION.**

13 To designate the Federal building located at 985
14 Michigan Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, as the “John Con-
15 yers Federal Building”.

16 **SEC. 3. REFERENCES.**

17 Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document,
18 paper, or other record of the United States to the Federal
19 building and United States courthouse referred to in sec-
20 tion 2 shall be deemed to be a reference to the “John Con-
21 yers Federal Building”.

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