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S. 1271

To designate certain mountain peaks in the State of Colorado as “Fowler Peak” and “Boskoff Peak”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2017

Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. GARDNER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

To designate certain mountain peaks in the State of Colorado as “Fowler Peak” and “Boskoff Peak”.

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 “Fowler and Boskoff
5 Peaks Designation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) Charlie Fowler was—

1 (A) one of the most experienced mountain
2 climbers in North America, having successfully
3 climbed many of the highest peaks in the world;

4 (B) an author, guide, filmmaker, photog-
5 rapher, and wilderness advocate;

6 (C) the recipient of the 2004 Robert and
7 Miriam Underhill Award from the American Al-
8 pine Club, an award that—

9 (i) honors outstanding mountaineering
10 achievement; and

11 (ii) is awarded annually to climbers
12 who have “demonstrated the highest level
13 of skill in mountaineering and who,
14 through the application of this skill, cour-
15 age, and perseverance, have achieved out-
16 standing success in the various fields of
17 mountaineering”; and

18 (D) a summiter of several 8,000-meter
19 peaks, specifically—

20 (i) Everest;

21 (ii) Cho Oyu; and

22 (iii) Shishapangma;

23 (2) Christine Boskoff—

24 (A) was one of the leading female alpinists
25 in the United States, having climbed 6 of the

1 14 mountain peaks in the world that are higher
2 than 8,000 meters, specifically—

- 3 (i) Everest;
- 4 (ii) Cho Oyu;
- 5 (iii) Gasherbrum II;
- 6 (iv) Lhotse;
- 7 (v) Shishapangma; and
- 8 (vi) Broad Peak;

9 (B) gave countless hours to nonprofit orga-
10 nizations that supported—

- 11 (i) the rights of porters and Sherpas;
- 12 (ii) the education of women; and
- 13 (iii) global literacy and gender equal-
14 ity; and

15 (C) was recognized by the education com-
16 munities in the United States and Nepal as a
17 role model for students;

18 (3) Charlie Fowler and Christine Boskoff were
19 long-time residents of San Miguel County, Colorado,
20 and champions for the pristine backcountry of Colo-
21 rado;

22 (4) Charlie Fowler and Christine Boskoff died
23 in an avalanche in November 2006 while attempting
24 to summit Genyen Peak in Tibet;

1 (5) 2 unnamed 13,000-foot peaks located west
 2 of Wilson Peak on the boundary of San Miguel and
 3 Dolores Counties, Colorado, offer spectacular rec-
 4 reational climbing and hiking opportunities; and

5 (6) the local community in the vicinity of the
 6 peaks described in paragraph (5) and fellow climbers
 7 propose to honor and commemorate Charlie Fowler
 8 and Christine Boskoff by naming the peaks after
 9 Charlie Fowler and Christine Boskoff.

10 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF FOWLER PEAK AND BOSKOFF**
 11 **PEAK, COLORADO.**

12 (a) DESIGNATION OF FOWLER PEAK.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The 13,498-foot mountain
 14 peak, located at 37.8569° N, by -108.0117° W, in
 15 the Uncompahgre National Forest in the State of
 16 Colorado, shall be known and designated as “Fowler
 17 Peak”.

18 (2) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law,
 19 map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of
 20 the United States to the peak described in para-
 21 graph (1) shall be deemed to be a reference to
 22 “Fowler Peak”.

23 (b) DESIGNATION OF BOSKOFF PEAK.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The 13,123-foot mountain
 25 peak, located at 37.85549° N, by -108.03112° W,

1 in the Uncompahgre National Forest in the State of
2 Colorado, shall be known and designated as
3 “Boskoff Peak”.

4 (2) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law,
5 map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of
6 the United States to the peak described in para-
7 graph (1) shall be deemed to be a reference to
8 “Boskoff Peak”.

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