

110<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5599

To designate the Federal building located at 4600 Silver Hill Road in Suitland, Maryland, as the “Thomas Jefferson Census Bureau Headquarters Building”.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 12, 2008

Mrs. MALONEY of New York (for herself, Mr. WYNN, Mr. HOYER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. TURNER, Mr. HONDA, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. COHEN, and Mr. CANNON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 that—

5               (1) Thomas Jefferson, as Secretary of State in  
6       1790, supervised the first modern census in world  
7       history;

1           (2) the 1790 census was the first national cen-  
2           sus in the United States and the first periodic cen-  
3           sus in the modern nation-state era;

4           (3) Jefferson urged President Washington to  
5           veto the first apportionment bill presented by Con-  
6           gress on the grounds that it was unconstitutional,  
7           and Jefferson's own apportionment formula was  
8           adopted and used until 1840;

9           (4) Jefferson's mastery of numbers and statis-  
10          tical analysis helped alert the Nation to the impor-  
11          tance of accuracy in the numbers used to describe  
12          the society and pointed to methods that later im-  
13          proved census taking;

14          (5) Jefferson offered population corrections to  
15          the European diplomatic community to more accu-  
16          rately convey the fast-growing United States popu-  
17          lation, which had been undercounted in previous cen-  
18          sus taking;

19          (6) Jefferson believed in the importance of ter-  
20          ritorial expansion and insisted on equal representa-  
21          tion for the territories that were to join the Union  
22          as States;

23          (7) Jefferson supervised the first census in  
24          world history that gave to the people more than it  
25          took from them, being designed less to extract taxes

1 or raise a militia than to apportion political power  
2 to the people of the United States according to their  
3 numbers; and

4 (8) Jefferson’s role in establishing a republic  
5 based on principles of representation underscores the  
6 historical significance of the United States census  
7 and the way the Government views and governs  
8 itself today.

9 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION.**

10 The Federal building located at 4600 Silver Hill  
11 Road in Suitland, Maryland, shall be known and des-  
12 ignated as the “Thomas Jefferson Census Bureau Head-  
13 quarters Building”.

14 **SEC. 3. REFERENCES.**

15 Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document,  
16 paper, or other record of the United States to the Federal  
17 building referred to in section 2 shall be deemed to be  
18 a reference to the “Thomas Jefferson Census Bureau  
19 Headquarters Building”.

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