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116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To redesignate the facility of the Bureau of Reclamation located at Highway-155, Coulee Dam, WA 99116, as the “Nathaniel ‘Nat’ Washington Power Plant”.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. NEWHOUSE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 as follows:

5               (1) Both Nathaniel “Nat” Washington, Sr. and  
6       his son, Nat Jr., direct descendants of the family of  
7       President George Washington, were pioneers for the  
8       development of hydropower and strong proponents of

1       hydropower's many benefits for Washington state  
2       and the Pacific Northwest.

3           (2) In 1908, Nat Washington, Sr. left his home  
4       in Virginia and established a homestead along the  
5       Columbia River in the area of Grand Coulee, Wash-  
6       ington. In 1916, he was elected Grant County pros-  
7       ecutor.

8           (3) As the first president of the Columbia River  
9       Dam, Irrigation, and Power District, Nat Wash-  
10      ington, Sr. played a key role in developing the con-  
11      cept of, and securing the approval for, the construc-  
12      tion of the Grand Coulee Dam.

13          (4) In 1926, Nat Washington, Sr. fell victim to  
14      the power of the Columbia River when he was swept  
15      away in the current, losing his life while attempting  
16      to save his brother James from drowning.

17          (5) Nat Washington, Jr. followed in his father's  
18      footsteps by serving as Grant County prosecutor  
19      after earning his law degree at the University of  
20      Washington, where he was previously elected student  
21      body president as an undergraduate.

22          (6) Nat Washington, Jr. served in the Wash-  
23      ington State Legislature for 30 years and was in-  
24      strumental in the development of several hydropower  
25      projects across the region, as well as the Columbia

1 Basin Project, which utilizes the Grand Coulee Dam  
2 to supply water for irrigation to 10,000 farms on  
3 671,000 acres of farmland in the Columbia Basin.

4 (7) When the Third Power Plant was completed  
5 in 1980, Grand Coulee Dam became the largest hy-  
6 dropower generating facility in the world. With a  
7 6,809 megawatt generating capacity, supplying an  
8 average of 21 billion kilowatt hours of electricity to  
9 11 States and Canada each year, Grand Coulee is  
10 the largest power station in the nation.

11 (8) The vision, advocacy, and public service of  
12 Nat Washington, Sr. and his son, Nat Jr., fun-  
13 damentally transformed the Columbia Basin, Wash-  
14 ington state, and the entire Pacific Northwest by se-  
15 curing hydropower - a clean, affordable, and reliable  
16 source of energy - as the foundation of the region's  
17 power system.

18 **SEC. 2. REDESIGNATION OF FACILITY.**

19 The facility of the Bureau of Reclamation located at  
20 Highway-155, Coulee Dam, WA 99116, known as the  
21 Third Power Plant, shall be known and designated as the  
22 "Nathaniel 'Nat' Washington Power Plant".

23 **SEC. 3. REFERENCES.**

24 Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document,  
25 paper or other record of the United States to the facility

- 1 referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference
- 2 to the Nathaniel “Nat” Washington Power Plant.