

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 473

To prohibit the use of Federal funds to close or realign the Marine Corps Recruit Depot located at Parris Island, South Carolina, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 24, 2023

Ms. MACE (for herself, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. FRY, and Mr. DUNCAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Parris Island Protec-
5 tion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
8 ings:

1 (1) The Marine Corps Recruit Depot located at
2 Parris Island, South Carolina (in this section re-
3 ferred to as “Parris Island”), has served the United
4 States as a home to the Marine Corps since 1891.

5 (2) Parris Island was the first facility to inte-
6 grate women in boot camp training for the Marine
7 Corps in the United States.

8 (3) Female recruits have trained at Parris Is-
9 land since 1949.

10 (4) The first integrated company of male and
11 female recruits graduated from Parris Island in
12 2019.

13 (5) Parris Island has cultivated a legacy of ex-
14 cellence and faithful service to the United States.

15 (6) Parris Island’s coastal geographical location
16 is of important strategic purpose to the Marine
17 Corps.

18 (7) The Department of Defense issued a new
19 strategy for maritime deterrence called Advantage at
20 Sea that includes the Marine Corps.

21 (8) Parris Island completed a Climate Change
22 Adaptation and Resilience assessment that resulted
23 in changes to its master plan projects and adapta-
24 tion strategies from spatial planning.

1 (9) The Parris Island Climate Change Adapta-
2 tion and Resiliency Team produced a comprehensive
3 project portfolio and complete set of Handbook
4 Worksheets incorporating natural infrastructure
5 management (including green infrastructure and en-
6 hanced natural buffers), reduction of water and en-
7 ergy use, and master planning. The portfolio pro-
8 vides a guide for the Depot to address climate-im-
9 pacts to the mission in the short, mid, and long term
10 for current predicted storm surges, as well as future
11 sea level rise (2035, 2065, and 2100).

12 (10) Parris Island won the 2021 Secretary of
13 the Navy’s Environmental Award for “excellence in
14 integrating environmental and operational sustain-
15 ability efforts and mitigating impacts from storm
16 surge and sea level rise through 2065”.

17 (11) Parris Island has received a grant totaling
18 \$2,050,100 to improve natural infrastructure and
19 reduce erosion, stabilize the shoreline, reduce storm
20 surge impact, and improve water quality while also
21 protecting Department of Defense installations, sur-
22 rounding communities and resources from climate
23 impacts.

1 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
2 gress that Parris Island is and should remain the physical
3 home of the Marine Corps Eastern Recruiting Region.

4 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION OF CLOSING OR REALIGNMENT OF**
5 **MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT LOCATED**
6 **AT PARRIS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA.**

7 No Federal funds may be used to close or realign Ma-
8 rine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina,
9 or to conduct any planning or other activity related to
10 such closure or realignment.

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