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To recognize the organization known as the Ukrainian American Veterans,
Incorporated.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GILMAN (for himself and Mr. HINCHEY) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To recognize the organization known as the Ukrainian
American Veterans, Incorporated.

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. CHARTER.**

4 The Ukrainian American Veterans, Incorporated, or-
5 ganized and incorporated under the laws of the State of
6 New York, is hereby recognized and granted a Federal
7 charter.

8 **SEC. 2. POWERS.**

9 The corporation shall have only the powers granted
10 to it through its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed

1 in the States in which it is incorporated and subject to
2 the laws of such States.

3 **SEC. 3. PURPOSES.**

4 The purposes of the corporation are those provided
5 in its articles of incorporation and include a commitment,
6 on a national basis, to—

7 (1) preserve, protect, and defend the Constitu-
8 tion of the United States;

9 (2) commemorate the wars, campaigns, and
10 military actions of the United States in order to re-
11 flect respect, honor, and tribute for the dead and the
12 surviving veterans;

13 (3) give individuals throughout the Nation a
14 greater understanding of and appreciation for the
15 sacrifices of the people who participated in any mili-
16 tary action on behalf of individuals throughout the
17 United States;

18 (4) stimulate, to the highest degree possible, the
19 interest of the entire Nation in the problems of vet-
20 erans, their widows, and orphans;

21 (5) collect, edit, publish, and preserve records
22 and mementos of patriotic service of veterans of the
23 Armed Forces of the United States; and

1 (6) foster the association of veterans of Ukrain-
2 ian descent who have served in the Armed Forces of
3 the United States.

4 **SEC. 4. RESTRICTIONS.**

5 (a) USE OF INCOME AND ASSETS.—No part of the
6 income or assets of the corporation may inure to any mem-
7 ber, officer, or director of the corporation or be distributed
8 to any such person during the life of this charter. No pro-
9 vision in this subsection may be construed to prevent the
10 payment of reasonable compensation to the officers and
11 employees of the corporation or reimbursement for actual
12 necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of
13 directors.

14 (b) LOANS.—The corporation may not make any loan
15 to any member, officer, director, or employee of the cor-
16 poration.

17 (c) POLITICAL ACTIVITY.—The corporation, any offi-
18 cer or director of the corporation, acting as such officer
19 or director, may not contribute to, support, or otherwise
20 participate in any political activity or in any manner at-
21 tempt to influence legislation.

22 (d) ISSUANCE OF STOCK AND PAYMENT OF DIVI-
23 DENDS.—The corporation may not issue any shares of
24 stock or declare or pay any dividends.

1 (e) CLAIMS OF FEDERAL APPROVAL.—The corpora-
2 tion may not claim the approval of the Congress or the
3 authorization of the Federal Government for any of its
4 activities.

5 (f) CORPORATE STATUS.—The corporation shall
6 maintain its status as a corporation organized and incor-
7 porated under the laws of the State of New York.

8 (g) CORPORATE FUNCTION.—The corporation shall
9 function as an educational, patriotic, civic, and historical
10 organization under the laws of the States in which it is
11 incorporated.

12 **SEC. 5. LIABILITY.**

13 The corporation shall be liable for the acts of its offi-
14 cers, directors, employees, and agents whenever the offi-
15 cers, directors, employees, and agents act within the scope
16 of their authority.

17 **SEC. 6. MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION OF BOOKS AND**
18 **RECORDS.**

19 (a) BOOKS AND RECORDS OF ACCOUNT.—The cor-
20 poration shall keep correct and complete books and
21 records of account and shall keep minutes of any proceed-
22 ing of the corporation involving any of its members, the
23 board of directors, or any committee having authority
24 under the board of directors.

1 (b) NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS.—The
2 corporation shall keep, at its principal office, a record of
3 the names of all members having the right to vote in any
4 proceeding of the corporation.

5 (c) RIGHT TO INSPECT BOOKS AND RECORDS.—All
6 books and records of the corporation may be inspected by
7 any member having the right to vote, or by any agent or
8 attorney of such member, for any proper purpose, at any
9 reasonable time.

10 (d) APPLICATION OF STATE LAW.—No provision of
11 this section may be construed to contravene any applicable
12 State law.

13 **SEC. 7. AUDIT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS.**

14 The first section of the Act entitled “An Act to pro-
15 vide for audit of accounts of private corporations estab-
16 lished under the Federal law”, approved August 30, 1964
17 (36 U.S.C. 1101), is amended by adding at the end the
18 following: “Ukrainian American Veterans, Incorporated.”.

19 **SEC. 8. ANNUAL REPORT.**

20 The corporation shall annually submit to the Con-
21 gress a report concerning the activities of the corporation
22 during the preceding fiscal year. The annual report shall
23 be submitted at the same time as is the report of the audit
24 required by section 7. The report shall not be printed as
25 a public document.

1 **SEC. 9. RESERVATION OF RIGHT TO AMEND OR REPEAL**

2 **CHAPTER.**

3 The right to amend or repeal this Act is expressly
4 reserved to the Congress.

5 **SEC. 10. DEFINITIONS.**

6 For purposes of this Act—

7 (1) the term “corporation” means the Ukrain-
8 ian American Veterans, Incorporated; and

9 (2) the term “State” means any of the several
10 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth
11 of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern
12 Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, Guam, Amer-
13 ican Samoa, the Trust Territories of the Pacific Is-
14 lands, or any other territory or possessions of the
15 United States.

16 **SEC. 11. TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.**

17 The corporation shall maintain its status as an orga-
18 nization exempt from taxation as provided in the Internal
19 Revenue Code of 1986.

20 **SEC. 12. TERMINATION.**

21 The charter granted in this Act shall expire if the
22 corporation fails to comply with any provisions of this Act.

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