114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To affirm the power of the President to revoke the Presidential Medal of Freedom awarded to Bill Cosby and to provide for criminal penalties for anyone who wears or publicly displays a Presidential Medal of Freedom that has been revoked.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Gosar introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ______________________

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT THE PRESIDENT SHOULD REVOKE THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM AWARDED TO BILL COSBY.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:
(1) Established in 1963 and bestowed by the President of the United States, the Presidential Medal of Freedom is the highest civilian honor of our Nation.

(2) The Presidential Medal of Freedom is awarded to recipients for “especially meritorious contributions to the security or national interests of the United States, to world peace, or to cultural or other significant public or private endeavors”.

(3) William Henry “Bill” Cosby, Jr. (in this subsection referred to as “Cosby”) received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2002.

(4) In recent months, more than 50 women have come forward and conveyed disturbing accounts of sexual assault and drugging by Cosby.

(5) The statute of limitations has expired for many of these incidents, and as a result, the majority of these women will never get their day in court.

(6) According to the New York Daily News, court documents obtained by the Associated Press on Monday, July 7, 2015, revealed that “Cosby admitted under oath that he bought Quaaludes to dope the women he wanted to grope—and slipped the sedative to at least one lady and ‘other people’”.
(7) During a deposition on September 29, 2005, a lawyer, Dolores Troiani, asked Cosby, "When you got the Quaaludes, was it in your mind that you were going to use these Quaaludes for young women that you wanted to have sex with?" and Cosby answered "Yes."


(9) The prosecutors noted in an affidavit of probable cause that "Cosby obtained seven separate prescriptions for Quaaludes that he did not personally ingest, nor ever intended to personally ingest" and that "the victim’s substantially impaired condition prevented her ability to consent, or even defend herself from Cosby’s sexual assault".

(10) Cosby has admitted to drugging women with the intention to satisfy his sexual desires, and, therefore, the Federal Government should not recognize Cosby with an honor like the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the President should revoke the Presidential
Medal of Freedom awarded to William Henry “Bill” Cosby, Jr.

SEC. 2. CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR WEARING OR DISPLAYING A REVOKED PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 33 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:


“Whoever, with the intent to defraud any person, wears or publicly displays a Presidential Medal of Freedom that has been declared to be revoked by the President shall be fined under this title or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 33 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 716 the following:

“717. Revoked Presidential Medal of Freedom.”.