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R. JESS BROWN UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE

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Mr. MICA, from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 1073]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 1073) to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse", having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

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PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

H.R. 1073 designates the United States courthouse to be constructed in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse".

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

H.R. 1073 designates the United States courthouse to be constructed in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse".

R. Jess Brown was a civil rights lawyer who took an early stand against segregationist laws and was credited in the 1950's with filing the first civil rights suit in Mississippi. Mr. Brown, a native of Muskogee, Oklahoma, attended Illinois State University, Indiana University, and the Texas Southern University Law School.

In the 1960's he was one of only four black lawyers in Mississippi, and one of three who took civil rights cases. In 1962 he worked on behalf of James Meredith, whose successful lawsuit allowed him to be the first African American student to enroll at the University of Mississippi.

In 1948, Brown sued on behalf of black teachers in Jackson, Mississippi, seeking salaries that were equal to those of white teachers. He later worked with the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund in fighting discrimination against blacks in transportation and other public accommodations in the 1960's. R. Jess Brown died on December 31, 1989.

HEARINGS

No hearings were held on H.R. 1073.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND CONSIDERATION

On March 14, 2011, Congressman Bennie Thompson introduced H.R. 1073, a bill to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed in Jackson, Mississippi, as the R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse.

On June 22, 2011, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met in open session and ordered the bill reported favorably to the House by voice vote with a quorum present.

COMMITTEE VOTES

Clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the House of Representatives requires each committee report to include the total number of votes cast for and against on each record vote on a motion to report and on any amendment offered to the measure or matter, and the names of those members voting for and against. There were no record votes taken in connection with consideration of H.R. 1073, or ordering the bill reported. A motion to order H.R. 1073 reported favorably to the House was agreed to by voice vote with a quorum present.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

With respect to the requirements of clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee's oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in this report.

NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY AND TAX EXPENDITURES

Clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives does not apply where a cost estimate and comparison prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 has been timely

submitted prior to the filing of the report and is included in the report. Such a cost estimate is included in this report.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 1073 from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, June 28, 2011.

Hon. JOHN L. MICA,
Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has reviewed the following legislation ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on June 22, 2011:

- H.R. 1073, a bill to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse";
- H.R. 1264, a bill to designate the property between the United States Federal Courthouse and the Ed Jones Building located at 109 South Highland Avenue in Jackson, Tennessee, as the "M.D. Anderson Plaza" and to authorize the placement of a historical/identification marker on the grounds recognizing the achievements and philanthropy of M.D. Anderson; and
- H.R. 1791, a bill to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 101 South United States Route 1 in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the "Alto Lee Adams, Sr., United States Courthouse."

CBO estimates that enacting those pieces of legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget and would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

The bills contain no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Matthew Pickford.

Sincerely,

ROBERT A. SUNSHINE
(For Douglas W. Elmendorf, Director).

PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the performance goal and objective of this legislation is to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse".

ADVISORY OF EARMARKS

Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee is required to include a list of con-

gressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9(e), 9(f), and 9(g) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives. No provision in the bill includes an earmark, limited tax benefit, or limited tariff benefit under clause 9(e), 9(f), or 9(g) of rule XXI.

FEDERAL MANDATE STATEMENT

The Committee adopts as its own the estimate of Federal mandates prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 423 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (P.L. 104–4).

PREEMPTION CLARIFICATION

Section 423 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 requires the report of any Committee on a bill or joint resolution to include a statement on the extent to which the bill or joint resolution is intended to preempt state, local, or tribal law. The Committee states that H.R. 1073 does not preempt any state, local, or tribal law.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATEMENT

No advisory committees within the meaning of section 5(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act are created by this legislation.

APPLICABILITY OF LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act (P.L. 104–1).

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS OF LEGISLATION

Section 1. Designation

Section 1 designates the United States courthouse to be constructed in Jackson, Mississippi, as the R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse.

Section 2. References

Section 2 indicates that any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the United States courthouse referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

H.R. 1073 makes no changes in existing law.

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