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To rename the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN 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 Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Renaming the National School Lunch Program Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress finds the following:

8           (1) That Jean E. Fairfax was a civil rights activist who—

3 (B) fought for equitable educational ac-  
4 cess, challenged systemic employment discrimi-  
5 nation, and led influential federal policy innova-  
6 tions in all realms to support working class and  
7 marginalized peoples;

(C) assisted Black families navigating school integration after the ruling of Brown v. Board of Education;

11 (D) joined the National Association for the  
12 Advancement of Colored People's Legal Defense  
13 Fund and established the Division of Legal In-  
14 formation and Community Service; and

15 (E) continued to serve her community  
16 through civil rights work and philanthropy after  
17 retirement.

21 (A) organizing five national women's orga-  
22 nizations and creating the Committee on School  
23 Lunch Participation to study the National  
24 School Lunch Program;

5 (C) advocating for increased funding of the  
6 National School Lunch Program to serve chil-  
7 dren in areas of concentrated poverty that were  
8 disproportionately minorities; and

9 (D) having her findings incorporated in  
10 National School Lunch Program reform legisla-  
11 tion that led to the program becoming more in-  
12 clusive.

15 (A) objected to anti-lynching bills and civil  
16 rights legislation in Congress and affirmed his  
17 belief in white supremacy;

18 (B) opposed school integration and was a  
19 contributor to the creation of the Southern  
20 Manifesto;

21 (C) dismissed concerns of child-welfare ad-  
22 vocates, civil rights activists, and women-led or-  
23 ganizations during debate over the implemen-  
24 tation of the National School Lunch Program;  
25 and

1 (D) believed that segregation should be  
2 maintained while implementing the National  
3 School Lunch Program.

4 SEC. 3. RENAMING OF RICHARD B. RUSSELL NATIONAL  
5 SCHOOL LUNCH ACT.

6 (a) SHORT TITLE.—The first section of the Richard  
7 B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751  
8 note) is amended by striking “Richard B. Russell National  
9 School Lunch Act” and inserting “Jean E. Fairfax Na-  
10 tional School Lunch Act”.

11 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Each of the fol-  
12 lowing provisions of law is amended by striking “Richard  
13 B. Russell National School Lunch Act” and inserting  
14 “Jean E. Fairfax National School Lunch Act”:

19 (2) Section 5(l)(2)(D) of the Agriculture and  
20 Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c  
21 note).

22 (3) Section 10603(b) of the Farm Security and  
23 Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 612c-4(b)).

24 (4) Sections 4301(b)(2), 4301(b)(3),  
25 4304(a)(2)(A), 4304(a)(2)(B), 4305(c), 4305(c)(1),

1       4306(a)(3), 4306(b), 14222(b)(1), 14222(c), and  
2       14222(e)(1) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy  
3       Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 612c-6(b)(1), 612c-6(c),  
4       612c-6(e)(1) 2208 note; 42 U.S.C. 1755a,  
5       1758(b)(2), 1758(b)(3), 1769a note).

6               (5) Section 404 of the Agricultural Act of 1949  
7       (7 U.S.C. 1424).

8               (6) Section 282(f)(2)(b) of the Act entitled “To  
9       provide for further research into basic laws and  
10      principles relating to agriculture and to improve and  
11      facilitate the marketing and distribution of agricul-  
12      tural products”, approved August 14, 1946 (7 U.S.C  
13      1638a(f)(2)(b)).

14               (7) Section 201(a) of the Act entitled “An Act  
15      to extend the Agricultural Trade Development and  
16      Assistance Act of 1954, and for other purposes”, ap-  
17      proved September 21, 1959 (7 U.S.C. 1431c(a)).

18               (8) Sections 1101(e), 2102(a), 2102(b),  
19       2102(c), 2102(d)(1), 2202(a)(1), 2202(a)(2)(A),  
20       2202(b), 2202(c), 2202(e)(2)(A)(ii), 2202(f)(1)(A),  
21       2202(f)(1)(C), 2201(f)(1)(D), and 2202(f)(3), of the  
22      Families First Coronavirus Response Act (7 U.S.C.  
23      2011 note; 42 U.S.C. 1760 note).

4 (10) Section 28(a)(1)(B) of the Food Stamp  
5 Act of 1964 (7 U.S.C. 2036a(a)(1)(B)).

(11) Section 211(a) of the Agricultural Trade Suspension Adjustment Act of 1980 (title II of the Agricultural Act of 1980) (7 U.S.C. 4004(a)).

19 (14) Section 245A(h)(4)(A) of the Immigration  
20 and Nationality Act approved June 27, 1952, (8  
21 U.S.C. 1255a(h)(4)(A)).

22 (15) Section 645(a)(3)(C)(iii) of the James M.  
23 Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-  
24 cal Year 2023 (10 U.S.C. 1060a note).

1 (16) Sections 1154(a)(2)(A)(i), 1154(a)(3)(A),  
2 and 2243(b) of title 10, United States Code.

(18) Section 444 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Amendments of 1967 (20 U.S.C. 1232g(b)(1)(K)).

(20) Section 6122(3) of the America COM-PETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9832(3)).

22 (21) Section 423(j)(2)(D) of the Federal Food,  
23 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C 350l(j)(2)(D)).

4 (23) Section 3803(c)(2)(C)(xiii) of title 31,  
5 United States Code.

6 (24) Section 252(i) of the Juvenile Justice and  
7 Delinquency Prevention Act 1974 (34 U.S.C.  
8 11162(i)).

11 (26) Section 113(e)(8)(A) of title 40, United  
12 States Code.

20 (28) Sections 222(3), 307(b)(1), 307(b)(1)(A),  
21 307(b)(2), and 336(a) of the Healthy, Hunger-Free  
22 Kids Act of 2010 (42 U.S.C. 1751 note, 1766 note).

23 (29) Sections 2(4), 125, 301(a), 301(b)(1),  
24 301(a), 301(b)(1), 301(b)(2), and 301(b)(3) of the

1        Healthy Meals for Healthy Americans Act of 1994  
2        (42 U.S.C. 1751 note).

3                (30) Sections 2(a)(1), 2(d)(1), 2(d)(2), 3(a)(1),  
4        and 3(b) of the Keep Kids Fed Act of 2022 (42  
5        U.S.C. 1753 note, 1760 note, 1766 note).

6                (31) Sections 4033(b)(3)(B), 4213(c),  
7        4213(c)(1), and 4214(a) of the Agricultural Act of  
8        2014 (25 U.S.C. 1685(b)(3)(B); 42 U.S.C.  
9        1755b(c); 1755b(c)(1), 1769a note).

10               (32) Section 4207(a)(1) of the Agriculture Im-  
11        provement Act of 2018 (42 U.S.C. 1760 note).

12               (33) Sections 1107(a), 1107(b), and 1107(c)(1)  
13        of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (42  
14        U.S.C. 1766 note).

15               (34) Sections 119(i), 119(j)(1), and  
16        119(j)(3)(C) of the Child Nutrition and WIC Reau-  
17        thorization Act of 2004 (42 U.S.C. 1766 note).

18               (35) Sections 3(a)(1), 3(a)(2), 3(a)(5), 3(b),  
19        4(b)(1)(B), 4(b)(2)(B)(ii), 4(b)(3), 4(b)(4),  
20        4(e)(1)(A), 7(a)(1)(A), 7(a)(2)(A), 7(a)(3), 7(a)(4),  
21        7(a)(6), 7(a)(7), 7(a)(8), 7(a)(9)(A), 7(e)(3), 7(f),  
22        7(g)(1)(A)(ii)(I), 7(g)(1)(B), 7(g)(1)(D)(i),  
23        7(g)(1)(D)(ii), 7(h)(2)(A), 7(i)(3)(A), 7(i)(3)(B)(ii),  
24        10(a), 10(b)(1)(a), 10(c), 11, 13, 16(b), 19(d),  
25        19(h)(3)(D), 19(h)(5)(B)(vi), and 23(d)(2) of the

1 Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1772(a)(1),  
2 1772(a)(2), 1772(a)(5), 1772(b), 1773(b)(1)(B),  
3 1773(b)(2)(B)(ii), 1773(b)(3), 1773(b)(4),  
4 1773(e)(1)(A), 1776(a)(1)(A), 1776(a)(2)(A),  
5 1776(a)(3), 1776(a)(4), 1776(a)(6), 1776(a)(7),  
6 1776(a)(8), 1776(a)(9)(A), 1776(e)(3), 1776(f),  
7 1776(g)(1)(A)(ii)(I), 1776(g)(1)(B),  
8 1776(g)(1)(D)(i), 1776(g)(1)(D)(ii), 1776(h)(2)(A),  
9 1776(i)(3)(A), 1776(i)(3)(B)(ii), 1779(a),  
10 1779(b)(1)(a), 1779(c), 1780(c), 1782, 1785(b),  
11 1788(d), 1788(h)(3)(D), 1788(h)(5)(B)(vi),  
12 1793(d)(2)).

13 (36) Section 4(8)(A) of the National Science  
14 Foundation Authorization Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C.  
15 1862n note).

16 (37) Section 3(c)(6)(B) of the STEM Edu-  
17 cation Act of 2015 (42 U.S.C. 1862q(c)(6)(B)).

18 (38) Sections 658E(c)(2)(E)(i)(IV) and  
19 658O(b)(3) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation  
20 Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 9858m(b)(3),  
21 9858e(c)(2)(E)(i)(IV)).

(39) Section 40541(d)(1)(B)(i) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (42 U.S.C. 18831(d)(1)(B)(i)).

