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ACTION: Passed.

UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

The Clerk called the bill (H.R. 5703) granting an extension of patent to the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) a certain design patent issued by the United States Patent Office of date November 8, 1898, being patent numbered 29,611, which is the insignia of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which was renewed and extended for a period of fourteen years by Public Law Numbered 220, Seventy-seventh Congress, approved August 18, 1941, is hereby renewed and extended for an additional period of fourteen years from and after the date of enactment of this Act, with all the rights and privileges pertaining to the same, being generally known as the insignia of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

(b) No person who has manufactured the design of such patent between August 18, 1955, and the date of the enactment of this Act shall be held liable for infringement of such patent by reason of the continued manufacture and sale thereof.

Mr. DORN. Mr. Speaker, the United Daughters of the Confederacy have a rich, and glorious heritage. They are dedicated to perpetuating the memory of those gallant men and women who sacrificed their lives and their fortunes for a principle in which they believed. The United Daughters of the Confederacy never cease paying homage to the dedicated, courageous, independent, self-reliant men of the Confederacy who suffered untold hardships—these men who went hungry, were ragged and who were often barefooted, who suffered through the chilling winds of winter and the dust and heat of summer. They endured these hardships because to them a principle was involved—a basic and fundamental principle of government and political philosophy. The United Daughters of the Confederacy will always honor the memory of such gallant men.

I am very proud of my own forebears and their devotion to the cause which they felt to be just. I am proud that my grandfather was a soldier for 4 long years, following the leadership of Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. My own home in South Carolina was built for a gallant southerner who gave his life on the field of honor at Antietam. My mother, for as long as she lives, will attend the meetings of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and cherish the principles and ideals so honored.

Mr. Speaker, the United Daughters of the Confederacy not only honor those who dedicated their lives to the Confederacy, but this magnificent organization is fighting today to preserve the principles upon which this Nation was founded. They are fighting today for the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and for freedom and liberty. They believe in this Congress as the true representative of the American people. They defend the honor and integrity of this great body. Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Robert Hamilton Smith, of Philadelphia, Pa., is now the president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Mrs. Robert Bachman of Washington, D.C., is the immediate past president. Under the able and distinguished leadership of these great ladies, the United Daughters of the Confederacy is determined to play a major role in the preservation of our great country. It has been one of the happiest privileges of my life to be closely associated with these noble ladies in their endearing and dedicated efforts.

Mr. Speaker, on November 8, 1898, a certain design patent was issued by the U.S. Patent Office which was the insignia of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. This patent has been renewed and extended upon several occasions by the Congress. The bill before the House at this time, H.R. 5703, will revive and extend the patent rights of the United Daughters of the Confederacy for another 14 years.

In recognition of the outstanding leadership of Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Bachman, and the patriots whom they represent, I urge that the House pass this bill. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of the patriotism and devotion to the ideas and principles of true Americanism of the great ladies of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, it is my earnest hope that the House will unanimously approve this legislation.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.