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H. R. 3256

To name the Runway 5L/23R at Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina, the “Lieutenant General Carey Runway”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2025

Mr. SELF introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Lieutenant General
5 Carey Runway Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) Lieutenant General Richard E. Carey re-
9 tired from the Marine Corps on March 1, 1983. The
10 General was presented the Distinguished Service

1 Medal for exceptionally meritorious service to the
2 Government of the United States in a duty of great
3 responsibility as Commanding General, Marine
4 Corps Development and Education Command,
5 Quantico, Virginia, from November 1980 through
6 February 1983.

7 (2) Born January 10, 1928, in Columbus, Ohio,
8 General Carey enlisted in the V-5 program in 1945.
9 With the discontinuance of the V-5 program, he was
10 discharged and enlisted in the Marine Corps and ad-
11 vanced to the rank of Sergeant prior to his commis-
12 sioning as a Second Lieutenant in 1948. As a rifle
13 platoon commander, he participated in combat oper-
14 ations in Korea, including the Inchon Landing and
15 Chosin Reservoir, where he earned the Silver Star
16 Medal prior to his medical evacuation to the United
17 States after being wounded in action. In 1951, he
18 served for a year as a company commander at the
19 Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South
20 Carolina, and then reported to Pensacola, Florida,
21 for flight training.

22 (3) Since his designation as a Naval Aviator in
23 1953, General Carey held a variety of squadron pilot
24 and staff assignments including separate tours as an
25 intelligence, maintenance, and material and logistics

1 officer in both attack and fighter squadrons. He also
2 served as the Assistant G-4 (Logistics) for the 2d
3 Marine Division and spent one tour as the Aviation
4 Logistics Officer, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff
5 for Air, Headquarters Marine Corps.

6 (4) Additionally, General Carey had a diversi-
7 fied operations and planning background through
8 assignments in that area at the squadron, group,
9 wing, and air station levels. As a Colonel, he also
10 served as the Battle Staff Chief in the Office of the
11 Commander-in-Chief, Pacific and later as the G-3
12 Officer, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.

13 (5) His aviation command experience began in
14 1958 with Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron
15 32 while a Major, stationed at MCAS, Beaufort,
16 South Carolina. As a Lieutenant Colonel at Cherry
17 Point in 1966, General Carey assumed command of
18 then Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 513. Fol-
19 lowing his assignment to the Republic of Vietnam,
20 the General commanded Marine Air Base Squadron
21 13 and later Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115
22 during combat operations, while operating from Chu
23 Lai Air Base. As a colonel in 1971, he commanded
24 Marine Aircraft Group 24, with the 1st Marine Bri-
25 gade in Hawaii.

1 (6) Following his advancement to Brigadier
2 General on July 1, 1974, General Carey became As-
3 sistant Wing Commander, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing,
4 MCAS Iwakuni, Japan. In 1975, he concurrently
5 commanded the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade
6 where he directed the Marine Corps participation in
7 the evacuation of Saigon.

8 (7) Upon his return to the United States, Gen-
9 eral Carey served as the Assistant Deputy Chief of
10 Staff for Aviation, Headquarters Marine Corps,
11 where he was advanced to Major General on March
12 2, 1976, and served there until he was assigned duty
13 as Commanding General of the 2d Marine Aircraft
14 Wing at Cherry Point, North Carolina, in July
15 1976. In June 1978 he was assigned duty as Deputy
16 Chief of Staff, Commander in Chief, Atlantic, Nor-
17 folk, Virginia. He was promoted to Lieutenant Gen-
18 eral on October 24, 1980, and assumed duty as CG,
19 MCDEC, Quantico, Virginia. He served in this ca-
20 pacity until his retirement on March 1, 1983.

21 (8) In addition to the Silver Star Medal, Gen-
22 eral Carey's personal awards and decorations in-
23 clude—

24 (A) the Legion of Merit with gold star in
25 lieu of a second award;

- 1 (B) the Distinguished Flying Cross;
2 (C) the Bronze Star Medal with Combat
3 “V” and gold star in lieu of a second award;
4 (D) the Air Medal with Numeral 15;
5 (E) the Joint Service Commendation
6 Medal;
7 (F) the Purple Heart Medal;
8 (G) the Presidential Unit Citation with two
9 bronze stars;
10 (H) the Navy Unit Commendation Medal
11 with one bronze star; and
12 (I) the Meritorious Unit Commendation.

13 (9) General Carey is a graduate of the Naval
14 War College and holds a Bachelor of Science degree
15 in Business Administration from George Washington
16 University.

17 **SEC. 3. NAME OF RUNWAY 5L/23R AT MARINE CORPS AIR**
18 **STATION, CHERRY POINT, NORTH CAROLINA.**

19 The Runway 5L/23R at Marine Corps Air Station,
20 Cherry Point, North Carolina, shall after the date of the
21 enactment of this Act be known and designated as the
22 “Lieutenant General Carey Runway”. Any reference to
23 such runway in any law, regulation, map, document,
24 record, or other paper of the United States shall be consid-

- 1 ered to be a reference to the Lieutenant General Carey
- 2 Runway.

