

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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At the end of title X, add the following new section:

1 SEC. 1084. THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HONORS.

2 (a) FINDINGS.—The House of Representatives finds
3 the following:

4 (1) The spread of warfare across Europe and
5 Asia led to the establishment on May 20, 1941, of
6 the United States Office of Civilian Defense by Ex-
7 ecutive Order 8757 of President Franklin D. Roo-
8 sevelt, to “assure effective coordination of Federal
9 relations with State and local governments engaged
10 in defense activities, to provide for necessary co-
11 operation with States and local governments in re-
12 spect to measures for adequate protection of the ci-
13 vilian population in emergency periods, to facilitate
14 constructive civilian participation in the defense pro-
15 gram, and to sustain national morale”.

16 (2) The December 7, 1941, attack by the Em-
17 pire of Japan on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, precipitated
18 the entry of the United States into the worldwide
19 conflict and signaled a new era of warfare that de-

1 manded new efforts to protect the people of the
2 United States from airborne assault by an overseas
3 enemy.

4 (3) In response to this new threat, the United
5 States Office of Civilian Defense mobilized millions
6 of volunteers to participate in efforts to enhance the
7 preparedness of the United States in case of attack,
8 including fire protection, communication and logis-
9 tics, construction of bomb shelters, and air raid
10 blackout drills.

11 (4) Thousands of Americans unable to serve in
12 the United States Armed Forces volunteered their
13 service as Air Raid Wardens in communities across
14 the United States during World War II, contributing
15 to America's defense against potential enemy assault
16 and the ultimate victory of the Allied nation.

17 (5) A training manual distributed to Air Raid
18 Wardens during World War II noted that "In the
19 system of civilian defense, the Air Raid Warden oc-
20 cupies the key position. He is the field officer under
21 whose supervision the efforts of the civilian popu-
22 lation are directed in the tremendous task of effec-
23 tive defense. Through the Air Raid Wardens, civilian
24 activity is coordinated with that of the police and
25 fire departments and other vital services."

1 (6) Training manuals distributed to Air Raid
2 Wardens included “I am an Air Raid Warden”, by
3 Frank W. Atherton, Chief Air Raid Warden, 1st
4 District, United States Citizens’ Defense Corps of
5 Michigan, which read, in part that “I am an Air
6 Raid Warden. My country, my state and my commu-
7 nity have given me many pleasant and fruitful years
8 and now in time of trouble I feel that it is my duty
9 to do my part in the work assigned to me in helping
10 to reduce to a minimum any harm that may come
11 from without or within.”

12 (7) Tony Pastor and His Orchestra released a
13 song in 1942, titled “Obey Your Air Raid Warden”,
14 which was widely distributed as a public service an-
15 nouncement and contained the following lyrics:
16 “One, be calm. Two, get under shelter. Three, don’t
17 run. Obey your air-raid warden. Four, stay home.
18 Five, keep off the highway. Six, don’t phone. Obey
19 your air-raid warden. There are rules that you
20 should know, What to do and where to go, When
21 you hear the sirens blow, Stop, look, and listen.
22 Seven, don’t smoke. Eight, help all the kiddies. Most
23 of all, obey your air-raid warden. Stop, look, and lis-
24 ten. Dim the lights, Wait for information, Most of
25 all, obey your air-raid warden. Stop the panic, Don’t

1 get in a huff, Our aim today is to call their bluff.
2 Follow these rules and that is enough. Obey your
3 air-raid warden.”

4 (b) THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HONORS.—

5 The House of Representatives encourages surviving Air
6 Raid Wardens and other volunteers of the United States
7 Office of Civilian Defense during the World War II to
8 record and permanently preserve stories of their service
9 for future generations.

