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Page 4, line 19, strike the closing quotation marks and the second period, and after line 19 insert the following new paragraph:

"(7) HIRING PREFERENCE FOR VETERANS.—In each oil and gas leasing program under this section, the Secretary shall include requirements under which each person awarded a lease under the program shall give a preference to veterans (as that term is defined in section 101(2) of title 38, United States Code) in hiring individuals for activities under the lease."

