AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1540, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. BACA OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of subtitle C of title V, add the following new section:

SEC. 5. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM.

(a) Program Enhancements.—

(1) Enhancement.—The Secretary of Defense shall take appropriate actions to enhance the suicide prevention program of the Department of Defense through the provision of suicide prevention information and resources to members of the Armed Forces from their initial enlistment or appointment through their final retirement or separation.

(2) Cooperative Effort.—The Secretary of Defense shall develop suicide prevention information and resources in consultation with—

(A) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the National Institute of Mental Health, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services; and
(B) to the extent appropriate, institutions of higher education and other public and private entities, including international entities, with expertise regarding suicide prevention.

(b) **Suicide Prevention Training Component During Recruit Basic Training.**

(1) **Army.**

(A) **Training Required.** Chapter 401 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 4320 the following new section:

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§ 4320a. Recruit basic training: availability of suicide prevention resources

(a) **Availability.** As part of the initial entry training program of the Army that constitutes the basic training of new recruits, the Secretary of the Army shall include a training component on suicide prevention.

(b) **Elements.** The suicide prevention training component shall include the following:

(1) Methods for recognizing risk factors for suicide.

(2) Protocols for responding to crisis situations involving members who may be at high risk for suicide.
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“(3) Information about suicide prevention services available to members, including toll-free hotlines and Internet resources.

“(4) Information on best practices for suicide prevention.”.

(B) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 4320 the following new item:

“4320a. Recruit basic training: availability of suicide prevention resources.”.

(2) NAVY AND MARINE CORPS.—

(A) TRAINING REQUIRED.—Chapter 602 of such title is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“§ 6933. Recruit basic training: availability of suicide prevention resources

“(a) AVAILABILITY.—As part of the initial entry training program of the Navy and the Marine Corps that constitutes the basic training of new recruits, the Secretary of the Navy shall include a training component on suicide prevention.

“(b) ELEMENTS.—The suicide prevention training component shall include the following:

“(1) Methods for recognizing risk factors for suicide.
“(2) Protocols for responding to crisis situations involving members who may be at high risk for suicide.

“(3) Information about suicide prevention services available to members, including toll-free hotlines and Internet resources.

“(4) Information on best practices for suicide prevention.”.

(B) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“602. Recruit basic training: availability of suicide prevention resources.”.

(3) AIR FORCE.—

(A) TRAINING REQUIRED.—Chapter 901 of such title is amended by inserting after section 9320 the following new section:

“§ 9320a. Recruit basic training: availability of suicide prevention resources

“(a) AVAILABILITY.—As part of the initial entry training program of the Air Force that constitutes the basic training of new recruits, the Secretary of the Air Force shall include a training component on suicide prevention.

“(b) ELEMENTS.—The suicide prevention training component shall include the following:
“(1) Methods for recognizing risk factors for suicide.

“(2) Protocols for responding to crisis situations involving members who may be at high risk for suicide.

“(3) Information about suicide prevention services available to members, including toll-free hotlines and Internet resources.

“(4) Information on best practices for suicide prevention.”.

(B) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 4320 the following new item:

“4320a. Recruit basic training: availability of suicide prevention resources.”.

(c) PRESEPARATION COUNSELING.—Section 1142(b)(8) of such title is amended by inserting before the period the following: “and the availability to the member and the member’s family of the suicide prevention resources described in section 1177(d) of this title”.

(d) FUNDING INCREASE AND OFFSETTING REDUCTION.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D—

(1) the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 421 for military personnel, as specified in the corresponding funding table in division D, is
hereby increased by $5,000,000, with the amount of
the increase allocated to carrying out this section
and the amendments made by this section; and

(2) the amount authorized to be appropriated in
section 101 for other procurement, Air Force, as
specified in the corresponding funding table in divi-

sion D, is hereby reduced by $5,000,000, with the
amount of the reduction to be derived from Joint
Tactical Radio System Maritime-Fixed radios under
line 049 Tactical Communications Electronic Equip-

ment, as specified in the corresponding funding table
in section 4101.