

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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OFFERED BY MS. BROWNLEY OF CALIFORNIA**

Page 232, after line 18, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 555. TRANSITION OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
2 **FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES FROM MILI-**
3 **TARY TO CIVILIAN LIFE.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Members of the Armed Forces and their
6 families make great sacrifices on behalf of the
7 United States, and, when their active duty service is
8 successfully concluded, members deserve the oppor-
9 tunity to also make a successful transition to the ci-
10 vilian labor force.

11 (2) When transitioning from active duty in the
12 Armed Forces to civilian employment, members
13 often face barriers that make it difficult to fully uti-
14 lize the skills and training they gained during their
15 military service.

16 (3) Members and veterans are too often re-
17 quired to repeat education or training in order to re-
18 ceive industry certifications and State occupational
19 licenses, even though their military training and ex-

1 perience often overlaps with the certification or li-
2 censing requirements.

3 (4) When members are transferred from mili-
4 tary assignment to military assignment, their
5 spouses often face barriers to transferring their cre-
6 dentials and to securing employment in their new lo-
7 cation.

8 (5) More than one million members will make
9 the transition to civilian life in the coming years.

10 (6) The Department of Defense established the
11 Military Credentialing and Licensing Task Force in
12 2012.

13 (7) The Joining Forces program, a national ini-
14 tiative to mobilize all sectors of society to give mem-
15 bers of the Armed Forces and their families the op-
16 portunities and support they have earned, will make
17 it easier for members and their families to transfer
18 skills learned while the member was serving in the
19 Armed Forces to civilian employment.

20 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
21 gress that—

22 (1) the Federal Government and State govern-
23 ments should make the transition of a member of
24 the Armed Forces and the member's spouse from
25 military to civilian life as seamless as possible by

1 creating opportunities for the member and spouse to
2 earn, while the member is in the Armed Forces, ci-
3 vilian occupational credentials and licenses, with an
4 emphasis on well-paying industries and occupations
5 that have a high demand for skilled workers, includ-
6 ing: manufacturing, information technology, trans-
7 portation and logistics, health care, and emergency
8 medical services;

9 (2) the Federal Government should assist State
10 governments in translating military training and ex-
11 perience into credit towards professional licensure;
12 and

13 (3) State governments should streamline ap-
14 proaches for assessing the equivalency of military
15 training and experience, and accelerate occupational
16 licensing processes for members, veterans, and their
17 spouses.

