

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-

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Add at the end of title LI the following:

1 **SEC. 51 ____ . SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING WOMEN**
2 **WHO SERVED AS CADET NURSES DURING**
3 **WORLD WAR II.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
5 ings:

6 (1) In June of 1943, Congress enacted the
7 Bolton Act, establishing the United States Cadet
8 Nurse Corps as a uniformed service of the Public
9 Health Administration. Through the Corps, women
10 received free, expedited nursing education in ex-
11 change for “service in essential nursing for the dura-
12 tion of the war”.

13 (2) During World War II, the Nation faced a
14 severe shortage of qualified nurses, threatening the
15 ability of the United States to meet domestic and
16 military medical needs.

17 (3) In total, 124,065 women graduated from
18 training under the Cadet Nurse program, going on
19 to serve in military hospitals, Veterans Administra-

1 tion hospitals, Marine hospitals, private hospitals,
2 public health agencies, and public hospitals until the
3 program ended in 1948.

4 (4) In 1944, the Federal Security Agency iden-
5 tified “national recognition for rendering a vital war
6 service” as a privilege of service in the Corps.

7 (5) By 1945, Cadet Nurses accounted for 80
8 percent of the domestic nursing workforce.

9 (6) The Cadet Nurse Corps has been credited
10 with preventing the collapse of the domestic nursing
11 workforce.

12 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
13 gress that women who served in the Cadet Nurse Corps
14 honorably stepped up for their country during its time of
15 need in World War II, significantly contributing to the
16 war effort and the safety and security of the Nation.

17 (c) EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE.—Congress hereby
18 expresses deep gratitude for the women who answered the
19 call to duty and served in the Cadet Nurse Corps.

