

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-25
OFFERED BY MR. CÁRDENAS OF CALIFORNIA

Page 386, after line 19, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . VETERAN-FRIENDLY BUSINESS AWARDS.**

2 (a) **AUTHORIZATION AND CRITERIA FOR AWARD.—**

3 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this
4 Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall—

5 (1) establish a program to award special rec-
6 ognition to covered aviation certificate holders for
7 veteran-friendly employment practices; and

8 (2) establish criteria for determining recipients
9 of such awards.

10 (b) **RECOGNITION.—**An award of recognition granted
11 under the program established by the Secretary under this
12 section shall be known as an Employment Salute Award.

13 (c) **APPLICATION.—**A covered aviation certificate
14 holder seeking an award of recognition under this section
15 shall provide to the Secretary an application at such time
16 and containing such information as the Secretary may re-
17 quire.

18 (d) **APPLICATION FEE AND FUNDING.—**

1 (1) FEE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary may as-
2 sess a reasonable application fee on covered aviation
3 certificate holders seeking such an award.

4 (2) ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND.—There is es-
5 tablished in the Treasury of the United States a sep-
6 arate account for the deposit of fees collected under
7 this subsection to be known as the Employment Sa-
8 lute Award Fund.

9 (3) DEPOSIT.—The Secretary shall deposit any
10 fees collected pursuant to paragraph (1) into the
11 Fund.

12 (4) USE.—Amounts in the Fund shall be avail-
13 able to the Secretary, as provided in paragraph (5),
14 for making expenditures to carry out the program
15 established pursuant to subsection (a).

16 (5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
17 There is authorized to be appropriated from the
18 Fund to the Secretary for each fiscal year in which
19 fees are collected under this subsection an amount
20 equal to the total amount collected during the pre-
21 vious fiscal year from fees assessed pursuant to this
22 subsection. Such amounts are authorized to remain
23 available until expended.

24 (6) CREDITING AND AVAILABILITY OF FEES.—
25 Fees authorized under paragraph (1) shall be col-

1 lected and available for obligation only to the extent
2 and in the amount provided in advance in appropria-
3 tions Acts.

4 (e) PUBLICITY.—The Secretary shall publicize the re-
5 cipients of the award by listing such recipients in a sepa-
6 rate section on the Department of Transportation’s
7 website and through such other methods as the Secretary
8 may determine.

9 (f) NO MONETARY AWARD.—An award granted
10 under a program established pursuant to subsection (a)
11 shall be for recognition only and not be monetary in na-
12 ture.

13 (g) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 2 years
14 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
15 submit to Congress a report on the employment practices
16 of covered aviation certificate holders with respect to the
17 hiring of veterans based on information collected in car-
18 rying out the program established pursuant to subsection
19 (a).

20 (h) COVERED AVIATION CERTIFICATE HOLDER DE-
21 FINED.—In this section, the term “covered aviation cer-
22 tificate holder” means a certificate holder under part 121,
23 135, or 145 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations.

