AMENDMENT TO
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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) FEE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary may assess a reasonable application fee on covered aviation certificate holders seeking such an award.

(2) ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a separate account for the deposit of fees collected under this subsection to be known as the Employment Salute Award Fund.

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

(4) USE.—Amounts in the Fund shall be available to the Secretary, as provided in paragraph (5), for making expenditures to carry out the program established pursuant to subsection (a).

(5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated from the Fund to the Secretary for each fiscal year in which fees are collected under this subsection an amount equal to the total amount collected during the previous fiscal year from fees assessed pursuant to this subsection. Such amounts are authorized to remain available until expended.

(6) CREDITING AND AVAILABILITY OF FEES.—Fees authorized under paragraph (1) shall be col-
lected and available for obligation only to the extent and in the amount provided in advance in appropriations Acts.

(e) PUBLICITY.—The Secretary shall publicize the recipients of the award by listing such recipients in a separate section on the Department of Transportation’s website and through such other methods as the Secretary may determine.

(f) NO MONETARY AWARD.—An award granted under a program established pursuant to subsection (a) shall be for recognition only and not be monetary in nature.

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

(h) COVERED AVIATION CERTIFICATE HOLDER DEFINED.—In this section, the term “covered aviation certificate holder” means a certificate holder under part 121, 135, or 145 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations.