AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4
OFFERED BY MR. CÁRDENAS OF CALIFORNIA

Page 267, after line 10, insert the following:

SEC. ___. VETERAN-FRIENDLY BUSINESS AWARDS.

(a) AUTHORIZATION AND CRITERIA FOR AWARD.—
Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall—

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

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

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

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

(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 appropri-
ations Acts.

(e) PUBLICITY.—The Secretary shall publicize the re-
cipients of the award by listing such recipients in a sepa-
rate 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 na-
ture.

(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 car-
rying out the program established pursuant to subsection
(a).

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