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OFFERED BY MR. COFFMAN OF COLORADO

At the end of subtitle A of title VI, insert the following new section:

SEC. 606. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE WIDOWS’ TAX.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) section 621 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115-91) amended section 1450(m) of title 10, United States Code, to make permanent the special survivor indemnity allowance;

(2) under the special survivor indemnity allowance, surviving spouses and dependent children of members who die of a service-connected cause will not be subject to a full offset of survivor benefit plan payments by dependency and indemnity compensation, commonly referred to as the “widows’ tax”; and

(3) while the special survivor indemnity allowance alleviates the gap in benefits, the whole Con-
gress must work together to find a way to eliminate
the widows’ tax entirely.