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At the end of subtitle C of title XVIII, insert the following:

SEC. 18. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON POLITICIZATION OF THE MILITARY.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) Congress strongly condemns Lieutenant General DeAnna Burt for the remarks made during the 12th Annual DoD LGBTQ+ Pride Event, in which this individual politicized the military’s stance on domestic policies;

(2) the military should remain apolitical and refrain from engaging in political discussions or taking positions on domestic policies, in order to preserve its readiness, effectiveness, and ability to fulfill its core mission of national defense;

(3) this section affirms the importance of maintaining the merit-based selection process within the military, where job performance, qualifications, and relevant experience are the primary factors consid-
ered when evaluating personnel for assignments, transfers, promotions, and command positions; and

(4) military personnel should remain focused on their duties, committed to the principles of national defense, and mindful of the need to uphold the apolitical nature of the armed forces.

(b) COMMUNICATION TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS.—

This section shall be communicated to Lieutenant General DeAnna Burt, the Secretary of Defense, and all relevant military officials to emphasize the concerns expressed by the Congress regarding the politicization of the military and its potential negative impacts on military readiness.