

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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Page 179, after line 21, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 539. SENSE OF CONGRESS RECOGNIZING THE DIVER-**
2 **SITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
3 **FORCES.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The United States military includes individ-
6 uals with a variety of national, ethnic, and cultural
7 backgrounds that have roots all over the world.

8 (2) In addition to diverse backgrounds, mem-
9 bers of the Armed Forces come from numerous reli-
10 gious traditions, including Christian, Hindu, Jewish,
11 Muslim, Sikh, non-denominational, non-practicing,
12 and many more.

13 (3) Members of the Armed Forces from diverse
14 backgrounds and religious traditions have lost their
15 lives or been injured defending the national security
16 of the United States.

17 (4) Diversity contributes to the strength of the
18 Armed Forces, and service members from different

1 backgrounds and religious traditions share the same
2 goal of defending the United States.

3 (5) The unity of the Armed Forces reflects the
4 strength in diversity that makes the United States
5 a great nation.

6 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
7 gress that the United States should—

8 (1) continue to recognize and promote diversity
9 in the Armed Forces; and

10 (2) honor those from all diverse backgrounds
11 and religious traditions who have made sacrifices in
12 serving the United States through the Armed Serv-
13 ices.

