**AMENDMENT TO**

**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118–10**

**OFFERED BY MR. BUCK OF COLORADO**

At the end of subtitle I of title V, add the following:

1 **SEC. 5\_\_\_. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING SERVICE OF**

2 **GARY ANDREW CYR.**

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

4 (1) On February 23, 1971, Corporal Gary An-

5 drew Cyr was 19 years old.

6 (2) Corporal Cyr was assigned to the 10th

7 Pathfinder Detachment in May of 1970 and served

8 as a Special Operations Pathfinder until January

9 1972.

10 (3) In February 1971, Corporal Cyr's Path-

11 finder Unit was tasked with supporting Operation

12 Dak Soo Ri 71–1, a joint operation with Korean in-

13 fantry units.

14 (4) On February 23, 1971, Corporal Cyr was

15 the Pathfinder air traffic controller and cargo

16 loadmaster for four flights and twelve landing pick-

17 up zones for the Operation, including the primary

18 insertion point.

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1      (5) This Operation involved the insertion of

2 over 1,000 Korean soldiers from two divisions and

3 31 sling loads of cargo transported by 35 helicopters

4 over the course of the evening of February 23, 1971.

5      (6) Corporal Cyr was responsible for coordi-

6 nating incoming helicopter flights and providing ac-

7 curate on-the-ground information to the pilots, es-

8 sentially operating as a one-man air traffic control

9 tower inside a combat zone.

10      (7) Corporal Cyr's leadership and execution en-

11 abled the mission to be completed in a minimum

12 time period with no damaged cargo or casualties.

13      (8) Corporal Cyr's actions were hailed by heli-

14 copter pilots and officers from the inserting battal-

15 ions.

16      (9) Corporal Cyr's actions on February 23 epit-

17 omized the Pathfinder motto of "First in, Last

18 out,".

19      (10) William P. Murphy, Commander of the

20 10th Pathfinder Detachment, submitted a rec-

21 ommendation for the award of a Bronze Star to Cor-

22 poral Cyr to 10th Combat Aviation Battalion Com-

23 mander, Captain Charles E. Markham.

24      (11) Captain Markham approved the rec-

25 ommendation and submitted it to 17th Aviation

1 Group Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Jack A.
2 Walker.

3    (12) Lieutenant Colonel Walker approved the
4 recommendation.

5    (13) The 10th Pathfinder Detachment began to
6 stand down in December 1971 and deactivated in
7 January 1972, before Corporal Cyr could be award-
8 ed the Bronze Star.

9    (14) Corporal Cyr's initial award was lost as a
10 result of the deactivation.

11 (b) PURPOSE.—That the House of Representatives—

12    (1) honors the heroism of Corporal Gary An-
13 drew Cyr to successfully insert troops and ammuni-
14 tion on time and on target; and

15    (2) believes the United States Army, in light of
16 new information, should consider revisiting deco-
17 rating and honoring the courage and leadership of
18 Corporal Gary Andrew Cyr.

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