AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116–19
OFFERED BY MR. ROY OF TEXAS

At the end of subtitle J of title V, add the following
new section:

SEC. 597. POSTHUMOUSLY PROMOTING LIEUTENANT COLONEL RICHARD E. COLE, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE (RETIRED), TO A COLONEL ON THE RETIRED LIST.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds as follows:

(1) Lieutenant Colonel Richard E. Cole, United States Air Force (retired), was born on September 7, 1915, in Dayton, Ohio.

(2) On November 22, 1940, Lieutenant Colonel Cole enlisted as an aviation cadet in Lubbock, Texas.

(3) In July 1941, Lieutenant Colonel Cole was commissioned as a second lieutenant and rated as a pilot.

(4) Lieutenant Colonel Cole was one of the airmen who took part in the Doolittle Raid on Japan in April 1942, serving as co-pilot to then Lieutenant Colonel James (Jimmy) Doolittle.

(6) Lieutenant Colonel Cole served again in the China–Burma–India Theater from October 1943 to June 1944.

(7) Lieutenant Colonel Cole later served as Operations Advisor to the Venezuelan Air Force from 1959 to 1962.


(9) On September 19, 2016, the B–21 bomber developed by Northrop Grumman was formally named “Raider” in honor of the Doolittle Raiders.

(10) Lieutenant Colonel Cole died on April 9, 2019, at 103 years of age.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is as follows:

(1) Recognizes the accomplishments, sacrifices, and legacy of Lieutenant Colonel Richard E. Cole, United States Air Force (retired).

(2) Encourages citizens of the United States to remember the legacy of Lieutenant Colonel Cole and the legacy of all the Doolittle Raiders.
(c) Posthumous Advancement of Lieutenant Colonel Richard E. Cole, United States Air Force, on the Retired List.—

(1) Advancement.—Lieutenant Colonel Richard E. Cole, United States Air Force (retired), is advanced to the rank of colonel on the retired list of the Air Force.

(2) Additional Benefits Not to Accrue.—
The advancement of Richard E. Cole on the retired list of the Air Force under paragraph (1) shall not affect the retired pay or other benefits from the United States to which Richard E. Cole would have been entitled based upon his military service or affect any benefits to which any other person may become entitled based on his military service.