

**AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. ROY OF TEXAS**

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

1 **SEC. 597. POSTHUMOUSLY PROMOTING LIEUTENANT COLO-**
2 **NEL RICHARD E. COLE, UNITED STATES AIR**
3 **FORCE (RETIRED), TO A COLONEL ON THE**
4 **RETIRED LIST.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds as follows:

6 (1) Lieutenant Colonel Richard E. Cole, United
7 States Air Force (retired), was born on September
8 7, 1915, in Dayton, Ohio.

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

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

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

1 (5) After the Doolittle Raid, Lieutenant Colonel
2 Cole remained in China until June 1943.

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

6 (7) Lieutenant Colonel Cole later served as Op-
7 erations Advisor to the Venezuelan Air Force from
8 1959 to 1962.

9 (8) Lieutenant Colonel Cole retired from the
10 Air Force in 1966.

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

14 (10) Lieutenant Colonel Cole died on April 9,
15 2019, at 103 years of age.

16 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is as fol-
17 lows:

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

21 (2) Encourages citizens of the United States to
22 remember the legacy of Lieutenant Colonel Cole and
23 the legacy of all the Doolittle Raiders.

1 (c) POSTHUMOUS ADVANCEMENT OF LIEUTENANT
2 COLONEL RICHARD E. COLE, UNITED STATES AIR
3 FORCE, ON THE RETIRED LIST.—

4 (1) ADVANCEMENT.—Lieutenant Colonel Rich-
5 ard E. Cole, United States Air Force (retired), is
6 advanced to the rank of colonel on the retired list of
7 the Air Force.

8 (2) ADDITIONAL BENEFITS NOT TO ACCRUE.—
9 The advancement of Richard E. Cole on the retired
10 list of the Air Force under paragraph (1) shall not
11 affect the retired pay or other benefits from the
12 United States to which Richard E. Cole would have
13 been entitled based upon his military service or af-
14 fect any benefits to which any other person may be-
15 come entitled based on his military service.

