

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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OFFERED BY MR. GAETZ OF FLORIDA

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

1 **SEC. 597. RECOMMENDING THAT THE PRESIDENT GRANT**
2 **LIEUTENANT COLONEL RICHARD COLE,**
3 **UNITED STATES AIR FORCE (RET.), AN HON-**
4 **ORARY AND POSTHUMOUS PROMOTION TO**
5 **THE GRADE OF COLONEL.**

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

7 (1) Richard E. Cole (in this section referred to
8 as “Cole”) graduated from Steele High School in
9 Dayton, Ohio, and completed two years at Ohio Uni-
10 versity before enlisting in the Army Air Corps in No-
11 vember, 1940.

12 (2) Cole completed pilot training and was com-
13 missioned as a Second Lieutenant in July, 1941.

14 (3) On April 18, 1942, the United States con-
15 ducted air raids on Tokyo led by Lieutenant Colonel
16 James “Jimmy” Doolittle, which later became
17 known as “the Doolittle Raid”.

1 (4) Cole flew in the Doolittle Raid as Lieuten-
2 ant Colonel Doolittle's co-pilot in aircraft number 1.

3 (5) For their outstanding heroism, valor, skill,
4 and service to the United States, the Doolittle Raid-
5 ers, including Cole, were awarded the Congressional
6 Gold Medal in 2014.

7 (b) RECOMMENDATION OF HONORARY PROMOTION
8 FOR RICHARD E. COLE.—Pursuant to section 1563 of
9 title 10, United States Code, Congress recommends that
10 the President grant Lieutenant Colonel Richard E. Cole,
11 United States Air Force (retired), an honorary and post-
12 humous promotion to the grade of colonel.

13 (c) ADDITIONAL BENEFITS NOT TO ACCRUE.—The
14 advancement of Richard E. Cole on the retired list of the
15 Air Force under subsection (b) shall not affect the retired
16 pay or other benefits from the United States to which
17 Richard E. Cole would have been entitled based upon his
18 military service, or affect any benefits to which any other
19 person may become entitled based on such military service.

