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OFFERED BY MR. GAETZ OF FLORIDA

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

SEC. 597. RECOMMENDING THAT THE PRESIDENT GRANT LIEUTENANT COLONEL RICHARD COLE, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE (RET.), AN HONORARY AND POSTHUMOUS PROMOTION TO THE GRADE OF COLONEL.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) Richard E. Cole (in this section referred to as “Cole”) graduated from Steele High School in Dayton, Ohio, and completed two years at Ohio University before enlisting in the Army Air Corps in November, 1940.

(2) Cole completed pilot training and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in July, 1941.

(3) On April 18, 1942, the United States conducted air raids on Tokyo led by Lieutenant Colonel James “Jimmy” Doolittle, which later became known as “the Doolittle Raid”.

(4) Cole flew in the Doolittle Raid as Lieutenant Colonel Doolittle’s co-pilot in aircraft number 1.

(5) For their outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States, the Doolittle Raiders, including Cole, were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2014.

(b) Recommendation of Honorary Promotion for Richard E. Cole.—Pursuant to section 1563 of title 10, United States Code, Congress recommends that the President grant Lieutenant Colonel Richard E. Cole, United States Air Force (retired), an honorary and posthumous promotion to the grade of colonel.

(c) Additional Benefits Not to Accrue.—The advancement of Richard E. Cole on the retired list of the Air Force under subsection (b) 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 such military service.