AMENDMENT TO H.R. ____ (NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022) OFFERED BY MR. GOHMERT OF TEXAS

At the appropriate place in title V, insert the following new section:

SEC. 5. MILITARY JUSTICE CAREER TRACK FOR JUDGE ADVOCATES.

(a) Establishment.—Each Secretary of a military department shall establish a military justice career track for judge advocates under the jurisdiction of the Secretary.

(b) Requirements.—In establishing a military justice career track under subsection (a) the Secretary concerned shall—

(1) ensure that the career track leads to judge advocates with military justice expertise in the grade of colonel, or in the grade of captain in the case of judge advocates of the Navy, to prosecute and defend complex cases in military courts-martial;

(2) include the use of skill identifiers to identify judge advocates for participation in the career track from among judge advocates having appropriate skill and experience in military justice matters;
(3) issue guidance for promotion boards considering the selection for promotion of officers participating in the career track in order to ensure that judge advocates who are participating in the career track have the same opportunity for promotion as all other judge advocate officers being considered for promotion by such boards.

(c) SECRETARY CONCERNED DEFINED.—In this section, the term “Secretary concerned” has the meaning given that term in section 101(a)(9) of title 10, United States Code.