

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT****119–8****OFFERED BY MS. JACOBS OF CALIFORNIA**

At the appropriate place in subtitle F of title XXVIII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 28\_\_\_\_. REQUIREMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE IN**  
2 **EACH OF THE GEOGRAPHIC COMBATANT**  
3 **COMMANDS.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—By not later than one year  
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
6 of Defense shall ensure that within each of the United  
7 States geographic combatant commands there is a Human  
8 Rights Office. The purpose of each such office shall be  
9 to—

10 (1) advise the commander of the combatant  
11 command on the promotion of human rights and  
12 protection of civilians; and

13 (2) undertake activities to integrate such pro-  
14 motion and protection into command strategy.

15 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—Each Human Rights Office  
16 within a combatant command shall carry out each of the  
17 following responsibilities:

1           (1) Administering the human rights policy of  
2           the command to ensure respect and protection of  
3           fundamental human rights.

4           (2) Serving as the liaison of the command with  
5           representatives of the human rights community.

6           (3) Overseeing the implementation of, and com-  
7           pliance with, the Combating Trafficking in Persons  
8           policy of the Department of Defense.

9           (4) Other activities related to human rights as  
10          the Secretary of Defense determines appropriate.

11          (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
12          of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for  
13          each of the following three years, the Secretary of Defense  
14          shall submit to the congressional defense committees, and  
15          make publicly available on an appropriate website of the  
16          Department, a report on the status of the implementation  
17          of this section and activities of each Human Rights Office  
18          required under subsection (a).

