

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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At the end of subtitle B of title XVII, insert the following;

1 **SEC. 17___ . SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING COMMU-**
2 **NITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS FOR VET-**
3 **ERANS, MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES,**
4 **AND MILITARY FAMILIES.**

5 It is the sense of Congress that—

- 6 (1) organizations that provide holistic services
7 to veterans, members of the Armed Forces, and mili-
8 tary families play a vital role in supporting
9 the transition to civilian life and in strengthening
10 he resiliency of military communities;
- 11 (2) community-based programs that support
12 mental health, peer mentorship, workforce readi-
13 ness, and overall wellness for veterans and their
14 families provide essential services that com-
15 plement federal efforts;
- 16 (3) innovative approaches, including the use of
17 service and support dogs, have provided life-
18 changing assistance to veterans coping with post-

1 traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury, and
2 other service-related conditions; and
3 (4) the Department of Defense, the Department
4 of Veterans Affairs, and other Federal agen-
5 cies are encouraged to collaborate with community-
6 based organizations to expand access to sup-
7 portive services, strengthen partnerships, and pro-
8 mote best practices in veteran care.

