AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. MAST OF FLORIDA

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

SEC. 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATION OATH FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

(a) Establishment of Separation Oath.—Section 502 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c) and, in such subsection, by striking “The oath” and inserting “An oath established by this section”; and

(2) by inserting after subsection (a) the following new subsection (b):

“(b) Separation Oath.—Prior to retirement or other separation from the armed forces, other than separation pursuant to the sentence of a court-martial, a member of an armed force may take the following oath:

“I, __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __, recognizing that my oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, has involved me and my fellow members in experiences that few persons, other than
our peers, can understand, do solemnly swear (or af-
firm) to continue to be the keeper of my brothers-
and sisters-in-arms and protector of the United
States and the Constitution; to preserve the values
I have learned; to maintain my body and my mind;
to give help to, and seek help from, my fellow vet-
erans; and to not bring harm to myself or others. I
take this oath freely and without purpose of evasion,
so help me God.’’.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

(1) SECTION HEADING.—The heading of section
502 of title 10, United States Code, is amended to
read as follows:

“§ 502. Enlistment oath and separation oath: who
may administer”.

(2) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections
at the beginning of chapter 31 of title 10, United
States Code, is amended by striking the item relat-
ing to section 502 and inserting the following new
item:

“502. Enlistment oath and separation oath: who may administer.”.