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At the end of subtitle G of title X, insert the following:

SEC. 10. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING REMOVAL OF PRIESTS FROM WALTER REED MEDICAL HOSPITAL.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the provision of pastoral care by priests and religious leaders is vital for the spiritual and emotional well-being of military personnel and their families;

(2) Department of Defense medical facilities, including Walter Reed Medical Hospital, play a critical role in providing healthcare services to the military community;

(3) recent reports indicate that priests providing pastoral care at Walter Reed Medical Hospital were unexpectedly removed, disrupting the availability of spiritual support for patients and their families;
(4) the sudden removal of priests from Walter Reed Medical Hospital raises concerns about the effect on the religious and spiritual needs of patients during their healing process;

(5) priests offer invaluable guidance, comfort, and solace, and their presence is essential for individuals facing physical and emotional challenges; and

(6) the Department of Defense should investigate the circumstances surrounding the removal of priests from Walter Reed Medical Hospital and to take appropriate measures to ensure that patients have access to pastoral care services without interruption.