AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 1735
OFFERED BY MS. MOORE OF WISCONSIN

At the end of subtitle H of title V, add the following new section:

SEC. 584. SENSE OF CONGRESS SUPPORTING THE DECISION OF THE ARMY TO POSTHUMOUSLY PROMOTE MASTER SERGEANT (RETIRED) NAOMI HORWITZ TO SERGEANT MAJOR.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) Naomi Horwitz was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1916.

(2) In 1942, Ms. Horwitz marched into the Army recruiters office and asked to join.

(3) Ms. Horwitz served with the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps, the Women’s Army Corps, and the Reserves.

(4) Ms. Horwitz served from 1942 until 1946 and reenlisted a few years later.

(5) On October 24, 1965, one of the proudest moments of her military career, Ms. Horwitz’s was promoted to the rank of Sergeant Major in the U.S. Army Reserve.
(6) As women were only eligible to hold the rank of Sergeant Major since 1960, Ms. Horwitz was one of only a handful of women to hold such rank during that time period.

(7) Despite her promotion, Ms. Horwitz was not allowed to hold the rank of Sergeant Major.

(8) Ms. Horwitz retired from the military in 1976 at a lower rank.

(9) After her retirement from the military, Ms. Horwitz was a tireless veteran’s advocate serving for decades with AMVETS Post 60, Jewish War Veterans, the American Legion Milwaukee Women’s Post 448, the Allied Veterans Council of Milwaukee and the Veterans Day Parade Committee.

(10) Ms. Horwitz was named Veteran of the Year in Milwaukee County in 2004.

(11) In October 2014, Ms. Horwitz died at the age of 98.

(12) One of Ms. Horwitz’s final wishes was that one of the proudest moment of her Army career be reflected on her gravestone.

(13) In March 2015, the Secretary of the Army corrected this injustice and approved a request to posthumously promote Sergeant Major Horwitz.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—Congress—
(1) joins the Army and our Nation in expressing our gratitude to Sergeant Major Naomi Horwitz for her 26 years of honorable military service and continued civilian service; and

(2) supports the decision of the Army to posthumously promote Master Sergeant (retired) Naomi Horwitz to Sergeant Major.