AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-57

OFFERED BY MS. MOORE OF WISCONSIN

At the end of subtitle D of title VII, add the following:

SEC. 74. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) maternal Mortality, and the racial dispari-
ties in the rates of pregnancy-related deaths in our
country, presents a challenge to our Nation that re-
quires a strong and uniform response across all
parts of our society, including the military;

(2) the Defense Department should be acknowl-
edged for the efforts it has begun to address con-
cerns about maternal mortality and severe morbidity
among service members and dependents;

(3) State maternal mortality review committees,
which involve a multidisciplinary group of experts in-
cluding physicians, epidemiologists, and others, have
made significant advancements in identifying, char-
acterizing, and providing a deeper understanding of
the circumstances surrounding each maternal death,
which can be helpful in designing effective public health responses to prevent future such deaths;

(4) key to the work of such review committees is transparent, consistent, and comprehensive data collection regarding maternal deaths, the use of effective methods to ensure confidentiality protections and de-identification of any information specific to a reviewed case, information sharing with relevant stakeholders including access to the CDC’s National Death Index data and State death certificate data;

(5) the Defense Department is encouraged to continue to work to establish a maternal mortality review committee which would conduct reviews of each death of a service member or dependent during pregnancy or childbirth involving a multidisciplinary group of experts including physicians, epidemiologists, patient advocates, civilians with experience with maternal mortality review committees and reviews of maternal mortality records, and other experts;

(6) the Department should keep Congress regularly updated and informed, through reports and briefings on its efforts to set up the committee referenced in paragraph (5), any barriers to establishing such committee, and its overall efforts to ad-
dress maternal mortality among service members
and dependents, including its efforts to participate
in the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal program
or similar maternal health quality improvement ini-
tiatives.