

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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Page 528, after line 2, insert the following new section:

1 SEC. 1092. ADDITION OF NAMES TO VIETNAM VETERANS

2 MEMORIAL.

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) The Vietnam Veterans Memorial continues
5 to be a popular and important place of reflection
6 and healing for a generation.

7 (2) The simple inscriptions of the names of the
8 Nation’s dead bear mute testimony to the sacrifice
9 of more than 58,000 Americans, serving as a deep
10 source of comfort and pride for the families of those
11 who were lost.

12 (3) Seventy-four military personnel were lost
13 aboard the U.S.S. Frank E. Evans, which sank after
14 colliding with the HMAS Melbourne on June 3,
15 1969, during a Southeast Asia Treaty Organization
16 exercise just outside the designated combat zone.

17 (4) The U.S.S. Frank E. Evans had been pro-
18 viding support fire for combat operations in Vietnam

1 before the exercise that resulted in the accident and
2 was scheduled to return after the exercise.

3 (5) The families of the 74 men lost aboard the
4 U.S.S. Frank E. Evans have been fighting for dec-
5 ades to have the names of their loved ones added to
6 the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

7 (6) Exceptions have been granted to inscribe on
8 the Vietnam Veterans Memorial the names of other
9 servicemembers who were killed outside the des-
10 ignated combat zone, including in 1983 when Presi-
11 dent Ronald Reagan ordered that the names of 68
12 Marines who died on a flight outside the combat
13 zone be added to the Memorial.

14 (7) Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus, in a let-
15 ter dated December 15, 2010, expressed support for
16 the addition of the names of the 74 men lost aboard
17 the U.S.S. Frank E. Evans to the Vietnam Veterans
18 Memorial.

19 (8) In considering the National Defense Au-
20 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015, the House of
21 Representatives adopted an amendment expressing
22 the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense
23 should order that the names of the 74 military per-
24 sonnel lost aboard the U.S.S. Frank E. Evans be
25 added to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

1 (9) Heroism and sacrifice should never go un-
2 recognized because of an arbitrary line on a map.

3 (b) ADDITION OF NAMES.—Not later than 30 days
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
5 of Defense shall order that the names of the 74 military
6 personnel lost aboard the U.S.S. Frank E. Evans on June
7 3, 1969, be added to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

