

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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OFFERED BY MR. SCHIFF OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of subtitle F of title X, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . REPORT ON VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL**

2 **SPACE CONSTRAINTS.**

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

4 (1) The names of the Nation’s dead inscribed
5 on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial bear silent testi-
6 mony to the sacrifice of more than 58,000 Ameri-
7 cans, serving as a deep source of comfort and pride
8 for the families of those who were lost.

9 (2) On June 3, 1969, 74 sailors were lost
10 aboard the USS Frank E. Evans, which sank after
11 colliding with the HMAS Melbourne during a South-
12 east Asia Treaty Organization exercise, just outside
13 of the designated combat zone.

14 (3) The families of the 74 men lost aboard the
15 USS Frank E. Evans have been fighting for decades
16 to have their loved ones added to the Vietnam Vet-
17 erans Memorial.

18 (4) The Department of Defense has ordered an
19 average of 8 additional names to be inscribed on the

1 Vietnam Veterans Memorial per year, which has rap-
2 idly depleted existing space on the memorial, a fact
3 that the Department has cited in declining to order
4 the names of the 74 sailors who died aboard the
5 USS Frank E. Evans be added to the memorial.

6 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
7 gress that all members of the Armed Forces who made
8 the ultimate sacrifice in service of their Nation in the Viet-
9 nam War, including the 74 sailors who died aboard the
10 USS Frank E. Evans, should have their names inscribed
11 on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in the District of Co-
12 lumbia.

13 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date
14 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in con-
15 sultation with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, shall
16 submit to the House of Representatives and Senate Armed
17 Services Committees a plan to ensure that the 74 sailors
18 who died aboard the USS Frank E. Evans, and other de-
19 serving members of the Armed Forces who died as a result
20 of their service in Vietnam, are recognized at the Vietnam
21 Veterans Memorial on an equal basis with those who have
22 been memorialized prior to the date of the enactment of
23 this Act.

