

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-**

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**OFFERED BY MR. SCHNEIDER OF ILLINOIS**

At the end of subtitle G of title V, add the following:

1 **SEC. 575. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

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

3 (1) Frank Kameny, a veteran of World War II  
4 and longtime civil rights activist was an astronomer  
5 for the Army Map Service when he was fired in  
6 1957 for being gay.

7 (2) Larry McKeon, the first openly gay member  
8 of the General Assembly in the State of Illinois, pre-  
9 viously served in the United States Army.

10 (3) Harvey Milk, the first openly gay person  
11 elected to public office in California, previously  
12 served in the United States Navy aboard the USS  
13 Kittiwakea as a diving officer and later as a diving  
14 instructor at Naval Station, San Diego.

15 (4) TSgt Leonard Matlovich served in the Viet-  
16 nam War, received both the Purple Heart and  
17 Bronze Star, and made history when he came out to  
18 the Air Force in 1975 in order to fight their ban on  
19 LGBT individuals.

1           (5) PO3 Allen R. Schindler was stomped to  
2 death in 1992 in a public restroom in Japan by an-  
3 other member serving on the USS Belleau Wood and  
4 whose murder became a point of reference in the de-  
5 bate over the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy.

6           (6) PFC Barry Winchell was brutally murdered  
7 in 1999 by another soldier at Fort Campbell and his  
8 murder also added to the debate over the “Don’t  
9 Ask, Don’t Tell” policy.

10          (7) Major Alan Rogers, the first known LGBT  
11 service member killed during Operation Iraqi Free-  
12 dom, was a civil rights activist and ordained pastor  
13 and was on his second tour in Iraq when he was  
14 killed by an improvised explosive device in 2008.

15          (8) Sgt Darren Manzella, a combat medic in  
16 the U.S. Army who passed away in 2013, was dis-  
17 charged in 2008 for publicly disclosing his sexual  
18 orientation while serving his second tour in Iraq.

19          (9) Cpl Andrew Wilfahrt, killed in Afghanistan  
20 in 2011 by an improvised explosive device when his  
21 unit was on foot patrol, is believed to be the first  
22 LGBT service member killed in combat since the re-  
23 peal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell”.

24          (10) CWO3 Charlie Morgan, who lost her battle  
25 with cancer in 2013, came out publicly after the re-

1       peal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell”, and fought against  
2       the Defense of Marriage Act and for the extension  
3       of full military benefits to families of LGBT service  
4       members.

5           (11) Maj Adrianna Vorderbruggen, who worked  
6       diligently towards the repeal of “Don’t Ask Don’t  
7       Tell”, was killed by a suicide bomber in Afghanistan  
8       in 2015 while leading a security patrol.

9           (12) SSgt Logan Ireland is currently serving in  
10      the Air Force, came out to his unit as a transgender  
11      man in 2015, and has served overseas in Afghani-  
12      stan.

13      (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
14      gress that—

15           (1) LGBT members of the Armed Forces have  
16      served throughout the history of the United States  
17      with distinction, courage, and honor;

18           (2) concerns about ending “Don’t Ask Don’t  
19      Tell” in 2010 have proven unfounded; and

20           (3) LGBT members of the Armed Forces  
21      should be commended for their service to the United  
22      States.

