AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MS. SPANBERGER OF VIRGINIA

At the end of subtitle G of title X, insert the following:

SEC. ___. OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL ATOMIC VETERANS DAY.

(a) Sense of Congress.—It is the Sense of Congress that—

(1) the United States should annually observe Atomic Veterans Day to recognize American military service members who participated in nuclear tests between 1945 and 1962, served with United States military forces in or around Hiroshima and Nagasaki through mid-1946, or were held as prisoners of war in or near Hiroshima or Nagasaki;

(2) the people of the United States should recognize and remember the contributions of America’s Atomic Veterans for their sacrifice and dedication to our Nation’s security, and recommit themselves to supporting our Atomic Veterans and educating themselves on the role these patriots played in our national story; and
(3) President Reagan and President Biden took important steps to recognize Atomic Veterans by proclaiming July 16, 1983, and July 16, 2021, respectively, as National Atomic Veterans Day, reflective of the fact that July 16 is the anniversary of Trinity, the world’s first detonation of a nuclear device in Alamogordo, New Mexico on July 16, 1945.

(b) NATIONAL ATOMIC VETERANS DAY.—Chapter 1 of title 36, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

§ 146. National Atomic Veterans Day

“The President shall issue each year a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to—

“(1) observe such Atomic Veterans Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and

“(2) remember and honor our Nation’s Atomic Veterans whose brave service and sacrifice played an important role in the defense of our Nation.”.

(c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 1 of title 36, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“146. National Atomic Veterans Day.”.