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OFFERED BY MS. SPEIER OF CALIFORNIA

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

SEC. 530. NONDISCRIMINATION WITH RESPECT TO SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 37 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 651 the following new section:

“§ 651a. Members: nondiscrimination

“(a) STANDARDS FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICE.—Any qualifications established or applied for eligibility for service in an armed force shall take into account only the ability of an individual to meet gender-neutral occupational standards for military service generally and the military occupational specialty concerned in particular, and may not include any criteria relating to the race, color, national origin, religion, or sex (including gender identity or sexual orientation) of an individual.

“(b) EQUALITY OF TREATMENT IN SERVICE.—Any personnel policy developed or implemented by the Department of Defense with respect to members of the armed forces shall ensure equality of treatment and opportunity
for all persons in the armed forces, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, and sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation).

“(c) GENDER IDENTITY DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘gender identity’ means the gender-related identity, appearance, mannerisms, or other gender-related characteristics of an individual, regardless of the individual’s designated sex at birth.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 37 of such title is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 651 the following new item:

“651a. Members: nondiscrimination.”.