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# H. R. 3010

[Report No. 116-]

To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a mission statement of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2019

Miss RICE of New York (for herself, Mr. MAST, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SUOZZI, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. GABBARD, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. KING of New York, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. WILD, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mrs. LURLA, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. RYAN, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. CISNEROS, Ms. HOULAHAN, Ms. HILL of California, Mr. PETERS, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mrs. LEE of Nevada, Mr. LAMB, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. COX of California, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. CRIST, Ms. SPANBERGER, Mr. KEATING, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. BRINDISI, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Ms. SLOTKIN, Ms. FRANKEL, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. VAN DREW, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. RATCLIFFE, Mr. TED LIEU of California, and Mr. SERRANO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

SEPTEMBER --, 2020

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union,  
and ordered to be printed

# **A BILL**

To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a mission statement of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Honoring All Veterans  
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MISSION STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF VET-**  
7 **ERANS AFFAIRS.**

8       (a) **REQUIRED MISSION STATEMENT.**—Section 301  
9 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at  
10 the end the following new subsection:

11       “(d) The mission statement of the Department shall  
12 be as follows: ‘To fulfill President Lincoln’s promise to  
13 care for those “who shall have borne the battle” and for  
14 their families, caregivers, and survivors.’”.

15       (b) **NOTIFICATION.**—Not later than 30 days after the  
16 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Vet-  
17 erans Affairs shall—

18               (1) publish in the Federal Register and on the  
19 internet website of the Department of Veterans Af-  
20 fairs a notification explaining the mission statement  
21 of the Department as specified in subsection (d) of  
22 section 301 of title 38, United States Code, as added  
23 by subsection (a) of this section; and

1           (2) update each internet website of the Depart-  
2           ment of Veterans Affairs and other electronic ref-  
3           erences that use a previous mission statement.

4           (c) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 30 days after the  
5           date of the enactment of the this Act, the Secretary shall  
6           develop and issue guidance to all elements of the Depart-  
7           ment regarding the mission statement of the Department  
8           as specified in subsection (d) of section 301 of title 38,  
9           United States Code, as added by subsection (a) of this  
10          section. The guidance shall include the following:

11           (1) A notification explaining the mission state-  
12          ment.

13           (2) Instructions and a timeline for updating all  
14          previous mission statement references at each such  
15          element.

16           (3) A method to monitor and evaluate the com-  
17          pliance by facilities of the Department with the  
18          guidance, including a reporting mechanism for such  
19          facilities to report back to the Secretary on the  
20          progress made in updating all non-electronic mission  
21          statement references.

22           (4) Any other information that the Secretary  
23          determines necessary to ensure timely compliance  
24          with the guidance.

1           (d) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit  
3 to Congress a report containing a review and assessment  
4 of the progress of each element of the Department in com-  
5 plying with the guidance under subsection (c), including—  
6           (1) any reasons explaining why an element of  
7 the Department has failed to implement the guid-  
8 ance; and  
9           (2) a plan to address any such failure to imple-  
10 ment the guidance and ensure that each element of  
11 the Department fully implements and complies with  
12 the guidance.