SUBSTITUTE OFFERED BY MR. THORNBERRY FOR
THE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2810
OFFERED BY MR. GALLEGO OF ARIZONA

At the end of title V, add the following new section:

SEC. 5. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING SECTION 504
OF TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, ON EXISTING AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE TO ENLIST INDIVIDUALS, NOT OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE FOR ENLISTMENT, WHOSE
ENLISTMENT IS VITAL TO THE NATIONAL INTEREST.

It is the sense of Congress that a statute currently exists, specifically paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of section 504 of title 10, United States Code, which states that "the Secretary concerned may authorize the enlistment of a person not described in paragraph (1) [of that subsection] if the Secretary determines that such enlistment is vital to the national interest".