

from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY) for his leadership as the subcommittee chair.

This incredibly important event, which is hosted by the National Fraternal Order of Police, will honor Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who lost their lives performing their duties in the year 2024.

In addition to the family and friends of the deceased, event organizers expect up to 25,000 police officers from around the country to be in attendance.

Among those honored and remembered will be Officer Adam R. Buckner of the Tucson Police Department, Officer Joshua Briese of the Gila River Police Department, Detective Ryan So of the Scottsdale Police Department, and Officer Zane Tristan Coolidge of the Phoenix Police Department.

Police Officer Zane Coolidge was shot in the line of duty while responding to reports of larceny, passing away at the hospital. He served with the Phoenix Police Department for 5 years and is survived by his wife and infant daughter.

Officer Buckner was killed on March 31, 2024, when he was hit by a car while responding to a reported crime. He is survived by his wife, mother, sister, and three brothers.

Mr. Speaker, 23-year-old Joshua Briese was shot and killed while responding to a disturbance call in the Gila River Indian Community. He had served with the Gila River Police Department for less than 1 year and was still completing field training. His father, Deputy Sheriff David Leroy Briese, Jr., of the Yellowstone County Sheriff's Department, Montana, died in the line of duty on November 3, 2006. We owe a special debt of gratitude to this family that has lost two of their family members, police officers who died in the line of duty.

Ryan So was accidentally shot and killed after serving a search warrant and conducting an arrest in Scottsdale. A United States Navy veteran who served with the Scottsdale Police Department for 9 years, Detective So is survived by his wife and three daughters.

Mr. Speaker, this is an important resolution. This is an important event to honor police officers who died in the line of duty and also to honor those living who are willing to die in the line of duty to serve their community.

Therefore, I support this resolution, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, like my friend, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. STANTON), implied, these are heartbreaking, heart-wrenching stories about real people. Oftentimes, in our country, people look for heroes. They look to sporting fields. They look to pop culture for their heroes, but their heroes walk right among them, right in their own

communities every single day, again, being willing when they put on that uniform, when they sign up, to say, "I will give all for my community," running to the sound of the gun, running to the danger, unlike most other people whose senses, whose sensibilities, tell them to go the other way.

This is the smallest thing we can do to acknowledge the enormous sacrifice that law enforcement makes every single day in our community, to acknowledge that sacrifice and to honor those heroes who are near and far.

In closing, I reiterate my support for H. Con. Res. 9, which will honor the fallen men and women serving our Nation as law enforcement officers.

Mr. Speaker, I urge support of this resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 9.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Lasky, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to the following resolution:

S. RES. 155

Whereas Ludmya "Mia" Bourdeau was born in Brooklyn, New York, December 6, 1975, to Haitian immigrant parents Jean Maxime and Marie Bourdeau and was raised in a family steeped in faith, freedom, compassion, and hard work;

Whereas the values instilled in Representative Love by her parents inspired a life of service, excellence, and courage;

Whereas Representative Love graduated from the University of Hartford, and upon moving to Utah, began a lifetime of public service and civic leadership;

Whereas she was elected to the Saratoga Springs City Council and then made history in 2009 as the first African-American woman elected mayor in the State of Utah;

Whereas, in 2014, Representative Love was elected to the United States House of Representatives, becoming the first Black Republican woman ever elected to Congress;

Whereas, in Congress, she was a principled voice for the people of Utah, for fiscal responsibility, for opportunity, and for the enduring values of family, faith, and freedom;

Whereas, throughout her life, she used her voice not only to shape policy and uplift civic discourse, but also to comfort friends, encourage family, and testify about her faith;

Whereas, after her time in Congress, Representative Love continued to serve the public as a political commentator, author, and national thought leader, fostering more honest, civil, and inclusive conversations on the pressing issues of the day;

Whereas Representative Love's deep faith as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was central to her life, and her leadership and commitment to discipleship shaped her every endeavor;

Whereas she was a devoted wife to Jason Love, a loving mother to Alessa, Abigale, and Peyton, and a joyful grandmother to Mera, and built her life around strengthening her family, encouraging their dreams, and walking beside them with grace and strength;

Whereas Representative Love inspired countless women, immigrants, public servants, and young leaders to find their voice, stand firm in their values, and believe they too could lead;

Whereas even in the face of illness and adversity, Representative Love demonstrated faith, courage, authenticity, and resolve, recording her memoir "Qualified" after her cancer diagnosis to ensure her voice would continue to uplift her family and the people of the United States; and

Whereas Representative Love passed away on March 23, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of integrity, inspiration, and purpose that will resound for generations: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) the Senate—

(A) has heard with profound sorrow and deep respect the announcement of the death of the Honorable Mia Bourdeau Love, former Representative for the State of Utah; and

(B) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate—

(i) communicate this resolution to the House of Representatives; and

(ii) transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family of the Honorable Mia Bourdeau Love; and

(2) When the Senate adjourns on the date of the adoption of this resolution, it stands adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable Mia Bourdeau Love.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a joint resolution of the House of the following title:

H.J. Res. 24. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Walk-In Coolers and Walk-In Freezers".

The message also announced that the Senate has agreed to with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 14. Concurrent resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2025 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2026 through 2034.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 107-252, Title II, Section 214, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, reappoints the following individual to the Election Assistance Commission, Board of Advisors:

Dr. Barbara Simons of California

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Matthew Hanley, one of his secretaries.

VETERANS EDUCATION TRANSPARENCY AND TRAINING ACT

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill

(H.R. 981) to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processes to approve programs of education for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 981

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Education Transparency and Training Act” or the “VETT Act”.

SEC. 2. PROCESSES TO APPROVE PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION FOR PURPOSES OF THE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) LIMITATION OF DISAPPROVAL OF PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION FOR FAILURE TO PROVIDE CERTAIN FORMS.—Section 3679(f)(5) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “this paragraph” and inserting “this subparagraph”;

(2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “this paragraph” and inserting “subparagraph (A)”;

(3) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(C) If an educational institution cannot provide to an individual a form under paragraph (1) that contains all of the information required under subparagraph (A) of such paragraph, the educational institution shall provide to such individual, with the form under such paragraph, a notice—

“(i) that specifies what such information may be inaccurate or incomplete; and

“(ii) that includes, in place of the information that may be inaccurate or incomplete, the best estimate available on the date of such notice.”.

(b) PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION ABOUT TRAINING FOR SCHOOL CERTIFYING OFFICIALS.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall establish a website to serve as a central location for the publication of information about the training that the Department of Veterans Affairs provides for school certifying officials and shall update such information on a regular basis.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BOST) and the gentleman from California (Mr. TAKANO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 981.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 981 offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. VAN ORDEN), my friend and colleague.

The bill would improve the information schools are required to give individuals regarding GI Bill benefits.

Currently, schools are required to give an estimated cost of education to

anyone who potentially will use the GI Bill. However, there are cases where a school cannot accurately estimate the tuition and expenses for the year. This means that the schools are providing misleading information that serves the interests of the institution over the veterans due to bureaucratic obstacles.

I support a veteran getting accurate estimates of what their expenses would look like. I do not support veterans having to choose a school based off of incorrect financial information.

Without this fix, veterans are having to make a choice that could harm them financially in the future.

This change is a commonsense addition to the Trump administration's mission to make VA work for veterans.

Finally, this bill would also ensure that schools have a central place to find information to train their staff in charge of helping to make sure students and veterans understand.

In a time when government is filled with bureaucratic red tape, I am happy that we, as a Republican majority, are making it easier for veterans to get an education.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 981, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my support for H.R. 981, the Veterans Education Transparency and Training Act, or VETT Act, introduced by Representative VAN ORDEN.

The bill makes improvements to the Shopping Sheet that is offered to student veterans when they are applying to institutions of higher learning.

These Shopping Sheets give student veterans more information about the schools they are considering before they take the major step of enrollment.

This legislation improves student Shopping Sheets for enrollments at colleges and universities. The Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act, authored by Representative MIKE LEVIN, created these Shopping Sheets, benefiting student veterans around the country who now know more about what a school offers and charges.

This legislation further refines the sheets so that they can be better tailored for specific school programs and student needs. This is a welcome improvement that ensures we won't waste time on paperwork that doesn't benefit student veterans.

Mr. Speaker, Democrats in the House have continued to advocate for increased transparency and quality of education for student veterans. Transparency and accountability in education are under assault with the dismantling of the Department of Education, which leaves student veterans and their hard-earned benefits at risk of exploitation and fraud.

We must do everything possible to ensure that student veterans are able

to access their educational benefits and that they can get the quality education they deserve so that they can have a better chance of success after they transition from military service.

Mr. Speaker, I support H.R. 981 and urge my colleagues to do the same.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, at this time, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. VAN ORDEN), who is the chief sponsor of the bill.

Mr. VAN ORDEN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of my legislation, the Veterans Education Transparency and Training Act, or the VETT Act.

This bill addresses critical barriers that veterans currently face with accessing educational benefits that they have earned through their dedicated service to our Nation. It helps ensure a smoother, more effective transition back into civilian life.

Specifically, my legislation requires educational institutions to clearly provide estimated tuition costs to potential GI Bill students. If an institution cannot accurately estimate the tuition, they must explain exactly why, and this transparency ensures veterans aren't misled by inaccurate information, preventing unnecessary debt that they would accrue.

The bill directs the VA to establish an online resource center, a centralized hub regularly updated to include all available training for school certifying officials, and this simple change provides essential flexibility for institutions, such as police academies and truck driving schools, ensuring that they can effectively support veterans and their families.

At a time when this bureaucratic red tape has been strangling our veterans, when it has become a barrier rather than a bridge, I am proud to champion a bill that directly helps veterans reduce unnecessary government hurdles.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation aligns perfectly with President Trump's mission to make the VA truly work for our veterans. I urge all Members to support H.R. 981.

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me in passing H.R. 981, the VETT Act, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, at this time, I encourage all of our Members to support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BOST) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 981.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

MONTGOMERY GI BILL SELECTED RESERVES TUITION FAIRNESS ACT OF 2025

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 983) to Amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disapprove courses of education offered by a public institution of higher learning that does not charge the in-State tuition rate to a veteran using certain educational assistance under title 10 of such Code, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 983

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserves Tuition Fairness Act of 2025”.

SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS DISAPPROVAL OF COURSES OFFERED BY PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING THAT DO NOT CHARGE VETERANS IN-STATE TUITION RATE FOR PURPOSES OF SELECTED RESERVE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (c) of section 3679 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, or chapter 1606 of title 10,” after “chapter 30, 31, 33, or 35 of this title”;

(2) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(E) An individual who is entitled to assistance under section 16131 of title 10.”; and

(3) in paragraph (6), by inserting “, or chapter 1606 of title 10” before the period at the end.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Subsection (e) of such section is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “, or chapter 1606 of title 10,” after “chapter 31, 33, or 35 of this title”; and

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “chapter 31 33, or 35 of this title” and inserting “chapter 31, 33, or 35 of this title, or chapter 1606 of title 10”; and

(2) in paragraph (2), by striking “chapter 31 33, or 35 of this title” and inserting “chapter 31, 33, or 35 of this title, or chapter 1606 of title 10”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply with respect to an academic period that begins on or after August 1, 2026.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BOST) and the gentleman from California (Mr. TAKANO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 983.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 983, offered by my friend and colleague, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. VAN ORDEN).

This bill would reduce tuition costs for Montgomery GI Bill Selected reservists by making them eligible for the same in-State tuition waivers.

When a veteran uses other education benefits offered by VA, they are able to receive an in-State tuition. It is time to include MGI Bill Selected Reserves as another benefit that uses in-State tuition.

Last Congress, under the Republican majority, the House passed legislation that would streamline benefits and protect taxpayers. This bill would continue that mission in the 119th Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support H.R. 983, and I reserve the balance of my time.

APRIL 1, 2025.

Hon. MIKE BOST,

*Chairman, Committee on Veterans' Affairs,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN BOST: H.R. 983, the “Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserves Tuition Fairness Act of 2025”, was referred primarily to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an additional referral to the Committee on Armed Services.

H.R. 983 contains provisions within the Committee on Armed Services' Rule X jurisdiction. As a result of your having consulted with the Committee and to expedite this bill for floor consideration, the Committee on Armed Services will forego action on the bill. This is being done based on our mutual understanding that doing so will in no way diminish or alter the jurisdiction of the Committee on Armed Services with respect to the appointment of conferees, or to any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matters contained in the bill or similar bills.

I would appreciate your response to this letter confirming this understanding, and would request that you include a copy of this letter and your response in the committee report or in the *Congressional Record* during floor consideration of this bill. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

MIKE ROGERS,
Chairman.

APRIL 7, 2025.

Hon. MIKE ROGERS,

*Chairman, Committee on Armed Services,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN ROGERS: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 983, the Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserves Tuition Fairness Act of 2025. I acknowledge that provisions of the bill fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Armed Services. I agree that your forgoing further action on this measure does not in any way diminish or alter the jurisdiction of the Committee on Armed Services over the subject matters

contained in this bill or similar legislation in the future. In addition, I would support your request to have the Committee on Armed Services appropriately consulted on any issues in this bill or similar legislation that fall under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Armed Services.

I am grateful for your willingness to work with us in a collegial manner to move this legislation forward. I will place copies of this exchange in the *Congressional Record* during consideration of this legislation on the House floor.

Sincerely,

MIKE BOST,
Chairman.

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my support for H.R. 983, the Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserves Tuition Fairness Act of 2025.

This bill mandates the Department of Veterans Affairs to deny courses that do not charge in-State tuition rates to veterans using certain educational assistance under title 10. The VA already has the authority to disapprove courses at higher education institutions that do not offer in-State tuition rates for other GI Bill beneficiaries.

Mandating in-State tuition rates is good policy. It ensures that only schools who prioritize quality education at a fair price participate in the programs. It preserves the GI Bill benefits for student veterans, and it makes the entire GI Bill program more solvent and sustainable so that the GI Bill stays available for veterans for generations into the future.

Mr. Speaker, it is also crucial to ensure that selected reservists receive the same benefits as their Active-Duty counterparts by ensuring that in-State tuition is granted regardless of their residency.

This bill will expand educational opportunities by providing them with more affordable education options. Their dedication to serving our country deserves nothing less.

We passed this bill last Congress, but, unfortunately, the Senate did not consider it in time. I hope we finish this work in this Congress, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. VAN ORDEN).

Mr. VAN ORDEN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of my legislation, H.R. 983, the Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserves Tuition Fairness Act of 2025.

This bill holds particular significance for me because the issue was first brought to my attention by one of my constituents, Mr. Greg Tremelling, a fellow veteran, during our Veterans Day listening session hosted last Congress.

His voice, joined by countless other reservists and veterans, highlighted the urgent need for policy change, and this is precisely what this government