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**VETERANS' AFFAIRS**  
*PROUDLY SERVING AMERICA'S VETERANS*



**H.R. 974: Boosting Rates of American Veteran Employment (BRAVE) Act**

**Background:**

A major problem for returning servicemembers, especially those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, is finding civilian employment. In fact, the unemployment rate among post 9/11 veterans is higher than the national average.

The BRAVE Act is designed to boost veteran employment by allowing VA to give preference when awarding procurement contracts to government contractors who employ veterans on a fulltime basis.

The bill would also allow the VA Secretary to debar companies that purposely provide false numbers regarding their employment of veterans in order to receive preference in receiving a contract.

**The Message:**

- The men and women who have served our nation should not have to struggle to find a job upon returning home.
- Honoring our nation's heroes and fulfilling our promises to them should always be a priority for the federal government.
- The dedication and spirit of our nation's veterans would be an asset to any employer.
- This commonsense legislation would give companies added incentives to hire veterans and give back to the men and women who have given so much to us.