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House Affirms Bipartisan Support for Veterans

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, the House of Representatives affirmed its commitment to America's veterans by passing four pieces of legislation helping and honoring veterans of all generations. Legislation included fixes to the Post-9/11 GI Bill to keep student veterans in the school of their choice (H.R. 1383—as amended, 389-0); establishes a new process for the placement of monuments at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as enforcing the reservation process at Arlington (H.R. 1627—as amended, 380-0); imposes penalties for small businesses claiming veteran-owned status (H.R. 1657, 382-1); and reissues the annual Cost-of-Living Adjustment for veterans and survivors (H.R. 1407—as amended, voice vote). All bills were passed with overwhelming bipartisan support.

“The Committee listened to America's veterans and acted. We worked diligently to pass thorough, thoughtful legislation that safeguards the men and women who protected us,” stated Rep. Jeff Miller (FL-01), Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. “From keeping our student veterans in school to preserving the integrity of Arlington National Cemetery by banning burial reservations to imposing penalties for businesses falsely claiming veteran status, these bills are needed to ensure America keeps its promises to our veterans.”

The legislation now heads to the Senate for consideration.

“Today, a unanimous House voted to fix the mistakes in the Post-9/11 GI Bill made by the last Congress. I urge our colleagues in the Senate to take swift action and join us in solving this problem. The clock is ticking for 30,000 of our veterans attending universities across the country,” Miller said. “I also sincerely hope that the Senate will express its support this week for the Jewish War Chaplains monument in Arlington National Cemetery. I cannot think of a more fitting tribute during Jewish American Heritage Month and for us all to observe the meaning of Memorial Day by paying tribute to these men history has overlooked.”

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