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H. R. 679

To amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2013

Mr. WALZ (for himself, Mr. RUNYAN, Mr. DENHAM, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. MATHESON, and Mr. RAHALL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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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 “Honor America’s
5 Guard-Reserve Retirees Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROVISION OF STATUS UNDER LAW BY HONORING**
7 **CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE COM-**
8 **PONENTS AS VETERANS.**

9 (a) VETERAN STATUS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 38, United
 2 States Code, is amended by inserting after section
 3 107 the following new section:

4 **“§ 107A. Honoring as veterans certain persons who**
 5 **performed service in the reserve compo-**
 6 **nents**

7 “Any person who is entitled under chapter 1223 of
 8 title 10 to retired pay for nonregular service or, but for
 9 age, would be entitled under such chapter to retired pay
 10 for nonregular service shall be honored as a veteran but
 11 shall not be entitled to any benefit by reason of this sec-
 12 tion.”.

13 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
 14 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended
 15 by inserting after the item relating to section 107
 16 the following new item:

“107A. Honoring as veterans certain persons who performed service in the re-
 serve components.”.

17 (b) CLARIFICATION REGARDING BENEFITS.—No
 18 person may receive any benefit under the laws adminis-
 19 tered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs solely by reason
 20 of section 107A of title 38, United States Code, as added
 21 by subsection (a).

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