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To authorize the creation of a service ribbon to be awarded to a member of the National Guard who performs homeland defense duty.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2026

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds as follows:

5 (1) Section 252 of title 10, United States Code,
6 authorizes the President, whenever the President
7 considers that unlawful obstructions, combinations,
8 or assemblages, or rebellion against the authority of
9 the United States, make it impracticable to enforce
10 the laws of the United States in any State by the

1 ordinary course of judicial proceedings, he may call
2 into Federal service the militia of any State, and use
3 such of the Armed Forces, as he considers necessary
4 to enforce those laws or to suppress the rebellion.

5 (2) The National Guard, under title 32 and
6 title 10 authority, ensures the survivability of Fed-
7 eral law enforcement personnel, facilities, and citi-
8 zens, in the protection of the Homeland and the
9 American way of life.

10 (3) President Trump, by Presidential Memo-
11 randum titled “Military Mission for Sealing the
12 Southern Border of the United States and Repelling
13 Invasions” dated April 11, 2025, granted authority
14 to the Secretary of War to authorize and request
15 that State Governors order members of the National
16 Guard under authority of title 32 of the United
17 States Code to conduct Department of Defense ac-
18 tivities, including, as appropriate, to support law en-
19 forcement activities, U.S. Customs and Border Pro-
20 tection, border security operations, and provide avia-
21 tion, reconnaissance, and logistical expertise in sup-
22 port of Department of Homeland Security mission
23 requests.

24 (4) President Trump, by Presidential Memo-
25 randum titled “Department of Defense Security for

1 the Protection of Homeland Security Functions”
2 dated June 7, 2025, directed the lawful mobilization
3 of at least 2,000 National Guard troops under sec-
4 tion 12406 of title 10, United States Code, to pro-
5 tect Department of Homeland Security personnel
6 and Federal property where unlawful violent protests
7 against necessary Federal enforcement actions were
8 occurring.

9 (5) The National Guard, lawfully mobilized in
10 support of President Trump’s Presidential Executive
11 Order 14333 “Declaring a Crime Emergency in the
12 District of Columbia” dated August 11, 2025, the
13 National Guard supported more than 1,914 arrests
14 between August and September 2025, removing 198
15 firearms from the street and disrupting homeless en-
16 campments, providing clean and safe streets and
17 parks to the citizens of the city.

18 (6) The District of Columbia, with a strong Na-
19 tional Guard and Federal law enforcement presence,
20 saw a decline in overall crime of 17 percent in 2025
21 compared with the same period in the previous year.

22 (7) The District of Columbia saw a decline in
23 homicides of 32 percent in 2025 compared with the
24 same period in the previous year.

1 (8) The District of Columbia saw a decline in
2 assaults with dangerous weapons of 10 percent in
3 2025 compared with the same period in the previous
4 year.

5 (9) The District of Columbia saw a decline in
6 robberies of 37 percent in 2025 compared with the
7 same period in the previous year.

8 (10) The National Guard, lawfully mobilized in
9 support of President Trump’s Presidential Memo-
10 randum titled “Restoring Law and Order in Mem-
11 phis,” dated September 15, 2025, to restore law and
12 order in Memphis, Tennessee, supported public safe-
13 ty and law enforcement operations.

14 (11) The Honorable Pete Hegseth, as author-
15 ized by President Trump’s Presidential Memo-
16 randum titled “Department of War Security for the
17 Protection of Federal Personnel and Property in Illi-
18 nois” dated October 4, 2025, extended National
19 Guard troop deployments to Illinois in response to
20 credible threats of continued violence and inter-
21 ference with officers upholding the laws of the
22 United States, to protect vital ICE, FPS, and other
23 Federal personnel.

24 (12) The National Guard has provided safety,
25 security, and predictability to law-abiding American

1 citizens in American cities that were previously over-
2 run by criminal illegal aliens, gang members, and
3 criminals threatening the peace.

4 (13) National Guard troops have contributed to
5 the most significant one-year drop in homicides on
6 record.

7 (14) National Guard troop presence in commu-
8 nities contributed to a national decline in rapes by
9 4,175 monthly occurrences between June and De-
10 cember of 2025.

11 (15) National Guard troop presence in commu-
12 nities contributed to a national decline in robberies
13 by 5,604 monthly occurrences between June and De-
14 cember of 2025.

15 (16) National Guard troop presence in commu-
16 nities contributed to a national decline in aggravated
17 assaults by 27,521 monthly occurrences between
18 June and December 2025.

19 (17) The National Guard, in support of Presi-
20 dent Trump's strong commitment to the American
21 people by setting Federal policies in support of pub-
22 lic safety and border security, contributed to a de-
23 cline in opioid-related deaths by 25,695 monthly oc-
24 currences between June and October 2025.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF SERVICE RIBBON FOR A MEM-**
2 **BER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD WHO PER-**
3 **FORMS HOMELAND DEFENSE DUTY.**

4 (a) RIBBON AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of the
5 military department concerned may award a service ribbon
6 to a member of the National Guard who performs duty
7 under chapter 9 of title 32, United States Code.

8 (b) DESIGN.—The ribbon shall be of an appropriate
9 design approved by the Secretary of Defense.

10 (c) ISSUANCE TO NEXT-OF-KIN.—If the member is
11 deceased, the Secretary of the military department con-
12 cerned may issue such a ribbon to the next-of-kin of the
13 member.

14 (d) REGULATIONS.—The award of a ribbon under
15 this section shall be subject to such regulations as the Sec-
16 retaries of the military departments concerned shall pre-
17 scribe for purposes of this section. The Secretary of De-
18 fense shall ensure that any regulations prescribed under
19 this subsection are uniform to the extent practicable.

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