WILLARD THOMPSON, DECEASED

JANUARY 6, 1926.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed

Mr. SPEAKS, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 6674]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6674) for the relief of Willard Thompson, deceased, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass. The evidence on file with the committee discloses the fact that Willard Thompson was duly enrolled in Company D, Twenty-second Ohio Infantry, April 22, 1861, for three months. At the expiration of this enlistment he was enrolled September 25, 1861, for three years as a private in Company E, Fifty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Upon the expiration of this enlistment, he reenlisted as a veteran volunteer in the same organization, being enrolled January 1, 1864.

While attending a celebration on the Fourth of July, 1865, three months after the war had finished, he, with others, resisted the authority of the first lieutenant who tried to arrest the members of the company and order them back to camp. He was duly tried and convicted and the sentence was approved August 2, 1865. On August 11, 1865, Thompson's company was mustered out, and on December 11, 1866, Thompson was given a certificate of discharge to date from August 11, 1865.

In view of his long service and the fact that as a soldier under fire his record is excellent and the misdemeanor with which he was charged occurred months after the war was over, the fact that there will be no great expense attached to the clearing of his record, the committee feels that in justice to the memory of this good soldier, the permanent records of the Government should consider him to be entitled to the rights and benefits of honorably discharged soldiers.