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4 MARKUP OF

5 H.R. 1067, TO ENACT TITLE 36, UNITED STATES CODE, PATRIOTIC

6 AND NATIONAL OBSERVANCES, CEREMONIES, AND ORGANIZES, AS

7 POSITIVE LAW;

8 H.R. 1068, TO ENACT TITLE 54, UNITED STATES CODE, NATIONAL

9 PARK SYSTEM, AS POSITIVE LAW;

10 H.R. 258, THE STOLEN VALOR ACT OF 2013, AND

11 H.R. 1073, THE NUCLEAR TERRORISM CONVENTIONS IMPLEMENTATION

12 AND SAFETY OF MARITIME NAVIGATION ACT OF 2013

13 Thursday, March 14, 2013

14 House of Representatives

15 Committee on the Judiciary

16 Washington, D.C.

17 The committee met, pursuant to call, at 10:09 a.m., in
18 Room 2141, Rayburn Office Building, Hon. Bob Goodlatte
19 [chairman of the committee] presiding.

20 Present: Representatives Goodlatte, Sensenbrenner,
21 Chabot, Bachus, Issa, Forbes, Franks, Jordan, Poe, Chaffetz,
22 Marino, Gowdy, Amodei, Labrador, Farenthold, Holding,
23 Collins, DeSantis, Rothfus, Conyers, Scott, Watt, Lofgren,
24 Jackson Lee, Johnson, Bass, Garcia, and Jeffries.

25 Staff present: Shelley Husband, Majority Staff
26 Director; Branden Ritchie, Deputy Chief of Staff; Allison
27 Halataei, General Counsel; Kelsey Deterding, Clerk; Perry
28 Apelbaum, Minority Staff Director; and Danielle Brown,
29 Parliamentarian.

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31 Chairman Goodlatte. Good morning. The Judiciary will
32 come to order. And there is a working quorum present, and
33 pursuant to notice, I now call up H.R. 1067 for purposes of
34 markup. And the clerk will report the bill.

35 Ms. Deterding. H.R. 1067, to --

36 Chairman Goodlatte. Without objection, the bill will be
37 considered as read and open for amendment at any point.

38 [The information follows:]

39

40 Chairman Goodlatte. And I will begin by recognizing
41 myself and the ranking member for opening statements.

42 Congress has charged the Office of the Law Revision
43 Counsel with the ongoing responsibility of preparing a
44 complete compilation, restatement, and revision of the laws
45 of the United States.

46 The committee has jurisdiction over law revision bills,
47 and the Law Revision Council has provided us with bill
48 language for the two codification bills that we will mark up
49 today. H.R. 1067 makes technical revisions to Title 36, the
50 title governing patriotic observances and ceremonies to keep
51 the title current and make technical corrections and
52 improvements. This bill is identical to the version the
53 House passed last year, which was not acted upon by the
54 Senate.

55 H.R. 1067 is an important bill because it ensures that
56 the U.S. Code is up to date and usable. For these reasons,
57 I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

58 And I now recognize the gentleman from Michigan, Mr.
59 Conyers, for his opening statement.

60 Mr. Conyers. Thank you, Chairman.

61 H.R. 1067 was prepared by the Office of Law Revision
62 Council as part of its ongoing responsibility under 2 U.S.C.
63 Section 285(b) to prepare and submit to the Committee on the
64 Judiciary, one title at a time, a complete compilation,
65 restatement, and revision of the general and permanent laws
66 of the United States.

67 This bill gathers provisions relating to patriotic and
68 national observances and ceremonies, patriotic and national
69 organizations, and treaty obligation organizations under the
70 current Title 36. The amendments strike the existing
71 abbreviated table of contents of the title and insert a more
72 comprehensive title-wide table of contents, update the
73 format of chapter headings of reserved chapters, and make
74 other necessary technical corrections.

75 H.R. 1067 is not intended to make any substantive
76 changes in the law. As is typical with the codification
77 process, a number of non-substantive revisions are made,
78 including the reorganization of sections into a more
79 coherent overall structure. But these changes are not
80 intended to have any substantive effect.

81 I am pleased to join with the chairman and urge my

82 colleagues to support this legislation, particularly because
83 of the strong bipartisan support that has been gathered for
84 it.

85 Thank you, and I yield back.

86 Chairman Goodlatte. I thank the gentleman. Are there
87 any amendments to H.R. 1067?

88 If not, the chair would call for a vote on reporting the
89 bill favorably to the House.

90 Those in favor will say aye?

91 Those opposed, no?

92 In the opinion of the chair, the ayes have it, and
93 members will have 2 days to submit their views. Oh, yeah,
94 right, and the bill is ordered reported favorably.

95 Members will have 2 days to submit their views.

96 [The information follows:]

97

98 Chairman Goodlatte. We will now turn to H.R. 1068. And
99 pursuant to notice, I call up H.R. 1068 for purposes of
100 markup.

101 The clerk will report the bill.

102 Ms. Deterding. H.R. 1068, to enact Title 54, United
103 States Code, National Park Service and related programs as
104 positive law.

105 Chairman Goodlatte. Without objection, the bill will be
106 considered as read and open for amendment at any point.

107 [The information follows:]

108

109 Chairman Goodlatte. And I will begin by recognizing
110 myself and the ranking member for opening statements.

111 H.R. 1068 enacts laws related to the National Park
112 System in a new Title 54. Until now, laws relating to the
113 organization and management of the National Park System have
114 been classified as part of Title 16, Conservation, and not
115 in one distinct place, but rather dispersed throughout the
116 title. Over time, these code classifications have become
117 very cumbersome to use.

118 H.R. 1068 gathers provisions relating to the National
119 Park System and restates them as a new positive law title of
120 the United States Code. H.R. 1068 includes minor changes
121 relative to the version passed last Congress because
122 additional laws regarding the National Park System have been
123 enacted since then. However, all changes made by H.R. 1068
124 are purely technical in nature.

125 Like H.R. 1067, H.R. 1068 will ensure that the U.S. Code
126 is up to date, accurate, and usable, and for these reasons I
127 urge my colleagues to support this bill.

128 And I turn now to the gentleman from Michigan, Mr.
129 Conyers, for his opening statement.

130 Mr. Conyers. Thank you again, Chairman Goodlatte, and
131 my remarks are similar to that of the previous piece of
132 legislation.

133 We are doing much the same thing. I just wanted to
134 point out that in the 111th Congress, I along with then
135 Ranking Member Lamar Smith introduced H.R. 6161, which would
136 have enacted Title 54 into positive law. We re-introduced
137 the bill in the 112th Congress. It was reported favorably
138 by the committee and passed the House.

139 As in both Congresses, the bill is non-controversial and
140 has strong bipartisan support.

141 Since the mid-19th century, numerous relating to the
142 organization and management of the National Park System by
143 the National Park Service have been enacted. These laws
144 have been codified in scattered sections in Title 16 of the
145 United States Code. And in addition as laws relating to the
146 Park System were amended, the new laws were enacted
147 pertaining to these provisions. The Code classifications
148 have become cumbersome to use.

149 H.R. 1068 is not intended to make any substantive
150 changes in the law. As is typical with the codification

151 process, a number of non-substantive revisions are often
152 made, including reorganization of sections into a more
153 coherent overall structure. But these changes are not
154 intended to have any substantive effect.

155 I thank the chairman for his cooperation in bringing the
156 bill before the committee today and urge its support. Thank
157 you.

158 Chairman Goodlatte. I thank the ranking member.

159 Are there any amendments?

160 Hearing none, the question is on reporting the bill
161 favorably to the House.

162 Those in favor, say aye?

163 Those opposed, no?

164 The ayes have it, and the bill is ordered reported
165 favorably.

166 Members will have 2 days to submit views.

167 [The information follows:]

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169 Chairman Goodlatte. We are now going to skip to H.R.
170 1073, the Nuclear Terrorism Conventions Implementation and
171 Safety of Maritime Navigation Act of 2013.

172 Pursuant to notice, I call up the bill, and the clerk
173 will report the bill.

174 Ms. Deterding. H.R. 1073, to amend Title 18, United
175 States Code, to provide for protection of maritime
176 navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism.

177 Chairman Goodlatte. Without objection, the bill is
178 considered as read and open for amendment at any point.

179 [The information follows:]

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181 Chairman Goodlatte. And I will recognize myself and the
182 ranking member for opening statements.

183 H.R. 1073 of the Nuclear Terrorism Conventions
184 Implementation and Safety of Maritime Navigation Act of 2013
185 is bipartisan legislation to ratify certain provisions of 4
186 multilateral counterterrorism treaties. Similar legislation
187 was unanimously forwarded by the committee and passed by the
188 House by voice vote last Congress.

189 Terrorism and the proliferation of weapons of mass
190 destruction do not recognize international boundaries.
191 These treaties are important tools to fight against
192 terrorism. Each one builds on an existing treaty to which
193 the United States is a party.

194 The treaties and this legislation complement important
195 U.S. priorities to prevent nuclear terrorism, counter
196 proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and
197 counterterrorism initiatives. Enacting this implementing
198 legislation will reinforce the United States' leadership
199 role in promoting these and other counterterrorism treaties,
200 and will likely prompt other countries to join.

201 In addition to bolstering broad security and

202 proliferation prevention goals, these protocols help to
203 promote implementation of certain sanctions against rogue
204 regimes that are hostile to U.S. interests.

205 The previous Administration strongly supported approval
206 of these agreements, which have already received Senate
207 advice and consent. The current Administration wants to
208 advance this legislation so the United States maintains its
209 leadership role in counter nuclear proliferation efforts and
210 in terrorism prevention.

211 Advancing this legislation strengthens international
212 cooperation and information sharing as it relates to
213 international terrorism and proliferation of weapons of mass
214 destruction.

215 I am pleased to be an original co-sponsor of this
216 bipartisan legislation and would like to thank Chairman
217 Sensenbrenner for his leadership on this effort. I would
218 also like to thank Ranking Member Conyers and Ranking Member
219 Scott for their contribution to this important legislation.

220 I urge my colleagues to join in favorably reporting H.R.
221 1073 from the committee today.

222 And I now recognize the gentleman from Michigan, Mr.

223 Conyers, for his statement.

224 Mr. Conyers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There seems to
225 be a great deal of cooperation in the air. I also join the
226 2 gentlemen that have helped bring this forward, Jim
227 Sensenbrenner and Bobby Scott, for holding hearings on this
228 important legislation last Congress, and for their continued
229 leadership on the issue.

230 This measure, Nuclear Terrorism Conventions
231 Implementation and Safety Act, is designed to implement f4
232 multilateral counterterrorism treaties, each an important
233 update to existing international law.

234 Our country signed each of these treaties in 2005. The
235 Senate unanimously passed resolutions of advice and consent
236 on all of them in 2008. Nevertheless, we cannot ratify
237 these agreements until Congress amends the Federal Criminal
238 Code to bring it in line with our new obligations.

239 H.R. 1073 does just that. It amends Title 18 of the
240 Code to explicitly prohibit acts of terrorism involving
241 radioactive material, provide new security requirements for
242 the use and storage of nuclear materials, and address the
243 use of ships and offshore platforms in terrorist attacks.

244 With the cooperation of the Department of Justice, the
245 bill is also free of proposed language that seemed entirely
246 to us outside the scope of underlying treaties. For
247 example, the Administration's original proposal expanded the
248 scope of conduct subject to the death penalty, including new
249 wiretap predicates, and authorized the President to conduct
250 similar agreements in the future without congressional
251 approval.

252 These controversial provisions are not necessary in
253 order to implement the underlying treaties, and I am
254 grateful for the spirit of cooperation in which the bill
255 before us has been drafted. Bobby Scott, once again, of
256 Virginia was very important on this particular provision.
257 He insisted upon it, and carried the day with it. We thank
258 him.

259 The resulting bipartisan proposal has the full backing
260 of the Obama Administration, is virtually identical to a
261 bill that passed by voice vote in this committee and House
262 last Congress. And accordingly, I urge all the members to
263 support the bill.

264 And I yield back the balance of my time. Thank you.

265 Chairman Goodlatte. I thank the gentleman.

266 The chair now recognizes the sponsor of the legislation
267 and chairman of our Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism,
268 Homeland Security, and Investigations, Mr. Sensenbrenner,
269 for his opening for his statement.

270 Mr. Sensenbrenner. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.
271 I am pleased to join with you and the ranking members of
272 both the full and subcommittees in introducing this bill.
273 It is bipartisan. It is the result of months of work by
274 both the majority and minority committee staff and the
275 cooperation of the Departments of Justice and State.

276 The legislation implements obligations of important
277 international agreements that improve our efforts to protect
278 the United States from terrorist attacks, specifically
279 against attacks using weapons of mass destruction or
280 terrorism involving ships or maritime platforms. Full
281 ratification of the underlying treaties will not be achieved
282 unless the Congress amends existing criminal provisions of
283 the United States Code.

284 Last Congress, the subcommittee held a hearing on these
285 issues and the need for the legislation. Witnesses from the

286 Departments of Justice and State explained the importance of
287 the 4 underlying agreements, 2 of which concern nuclear and
288 radiological materials, and the sabotage of nuclear
289 facilities, and the protection of nuclear facilities and
290 materials used for peaceful purposes. The other 2 treaties
291 relate to the use or targeting of ships or maritime
292 platforms as a part of a terrorist attack, the transporting
293 of certain materials by ship for terrorist purposes, then
294 the transporting of terrorists by ship, among other things.

295 As the witnesses at our hearing explained, to combat
296 these threats effectively, we need not only to complete a
297 domestic legal framework, but also a broad international
298 legal framework to facilitate international cooperation.

299 Existing law may cover certain obligations under the
300 treaties, but in order to fully and ultimately ratify them,
301 parties to the agreements are required to criminalize
302 certain conduct and to fulfill extradition requirements and
303 other obligations relating to international cooperation.

304 The treaties themselves were modified to cover gaps in
305 their original draft. For example, one of the treaties
306 concerning the physical protection of nuclear materials

307 originally covered, only protection during the international
308 transport. And amendment to that treaty now requires
309 protecting domestic nuclear facilities and materials.

310 Acceptance of the underlying treaty benefits our country
311 in many ways. For instance, the parties to the underlying
312 treaties are required to criminalize certain acts committed
313 by persons who possess or use radioactive materials or
314 nuclear device. And parties are obligated to extradite or
315 prosecute alleged offenders. As they relate to maritime
316 terrorism, the underlying the treaties treat vessels and fix
317 maritime platforms as a potential means of covering
318 terrorism activity and not just as objects of terrorist
319 activity.

320 Passing the legislation and ultimately ratifying the
321 underlying treaties will ensure that our country stays at
322 the forefront of the global counterterrorism and counter
323 proliferation efforts. The measures are consistent with our
324 domestic efforts to improve homeland security and better
325 international cooperation.

326 And I urge my colleagues to support the bill and yield
327 back the balance of my time.

328 Chairman Goodlatte. I thank the gentleman.

329 And the chair now recognizes the ranking member of the
330 Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and
331 Investigations, the gentleman from Virginia, Mr. Scott, for
332 his opening statement.

333 Mr. Scott. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

334 Mr. Chairman, the treaties referred to by the chairman,
335 ranking member, and chair of the subcommittee requires
336 specific provisions in the bill before these treaties can be
337 ratified, and the legislation has been fully described.

338 I just want to reemphasize what the ranking member has
339 indicated. The original proposal had extraneous materials
340 in it. Because of the cooperation from both sides of the
341 aisle, the legislation now only contains those provisions
342 necessary for the ratification of the treaties. And so I
343 urge my colleagues to support the legislation.

344 I yield back.

345 Chairman Goodlatte. I thank the gentleman. Are there
346 any amendments?

347 Hearing none, a reporting quorum being present, the
348 question is on reporting the bill favorably to the House.

349 Those in favor, say aye?

350 Those opposed, no?

351 The ayes have it, and the bill is ordered reported
352 favorably.

353 Members will have 2 days to submit views.

354 [The information follows:]

355

356 Chairman Goodlatte. Pursuant to notice, I now call up
357 H.R. 258 for purposes of markup.

358 And the clerk will report the bill.

359 Ms. Deterding. H.R. 258, to amend Title 18, United
360 States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations
361 about having received military declarations or medals.

362 Chairman Goodlatte. Without objection, the bill will be
363 considered as read and open for amendment at any point.

364 [The information follows:]

365

366 Chairman Goodlatte. And I will begin by recognizing
367 myself and the ranking member for an opening statement.

368 In October 2009, the U.S. combat outpost, Keating, in
369 Afghanistan was attacked by more than 300 Taliban insurgents
370 bearing rocket propelled grenades, mortars, machine guns,
371 and other arms. After several hours of fighting, the
372 Taliban insurgents breached the compound and set fire to it.

373 Among the many heroes that day as Staff Sergeant Clinton
374 Romesha. During the battle in which U.S. troops were
375 greatly outnumbered, Staff Sergeant Romesha moved under
376 heavy enemy fire to seek reinforcements from nearby
377 barracks, then returned to battle where he took out an enemy
378 machine gun team. Staff Sergeant Romesha was struck in the
379 hip, arm, and neck by shrapnel from a rocket propelled
380 grenade while he attempted to take out another enemy team.

381 Despite this injury, Romesha kept on fighting. He
382 exposed himself to additional enemy fire several times that
383 day as he destroyed enemy targets, including 3 Taliban
384 fighters who had breached the outpost. Romesha also
385 directed air support to destroy over 30 enemy fighters and
386 pushed forward under heavy fire to recover the bodies of

387 fallen U.S. soldiers.

388 Staff Sergeant Romesha's extraordinary efforts
389 ultimately helped to re-secure combat post Keating. His
390 actions, which exemplify the very highest levels of
391 strength, honor, valor, and dedication to both his country
392 and his fellow comrades, were recognized on February 11,
393 2013, when he was awarded the Medal of Honor.

394 In 1861, Congress established the Medal of Honor to
395 recognize those like Staff Sergeant Romesha who have
396 distinguished themselves conspicuously by gallantry and
397 intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the
398 call of duty.

399 Nearly a century ago, Congress made it a crime to wear,
400 manufacture, or sell military decorations or medals without
401 authorization. Despite this, the number of people
402 fraudulently claiming to be the recipient of military
403 decorations has increased in recent years. In my home State
404 of Virginia alone, over 600 residents falsely claimed on tax
405 forms to be recipients of the Medal of Honor in just 1 year,
406 even though at the time there were only living recipients in
407 Virginia, and 132 nationwide.

408 To address this increase in fraudulent claims, in 2006,
409 Congress enacted the Stolen Valor Act, which expands the
410 penalties for falsely representing oneself as a recipient of
411 any medal of honor authorized by Congress for the armed
412 services.

413 In June 2012, the Supreme Court in *U.S. v. Alvarez*, held
414 that the act inappropriately criminalized speech protected
415 by the First Amendment. The simple act of lying, even about
416 receipt of a military decoration, is by itself protected
417 speech. The Court did not that in periods of war and peace
418 alike, public recognition of valor and noble sacrifice by
419 men and women in uniform reinforces the pride and national
420 resolve the military relies upon to fulfill its mission.

421 The Court also acknowledged that false claims about
422 military decorations, such as the Medal of Honor, which has
423 been awarded fewer than 4,000 times since its creation in
424 1861, demean the high purpose of such awards. While this
425 harm does not overcome the high level of scrutiny afforded
426 protected speech, the Court did find that where false claims
427 are made to effect a fraud or secure monies or other
428 valuable considerations, say, offers of employment, it is

429 well established that the government may restrict speech
430 without affronting the First Amendment.

431 H.R. 258m, the Stolen Valor Act of 2013, clarifies the
432 law to prohibit people from falsely claiming to be a
433 recipient of the Medal of Honor and other military
434 decorations in order to carry out a fraud. This bill has
435 strong bipartisan support, and similar legislation was
436 passed by the House with overwhelming support last Congress.

437 I commend our colleague from Nevada, Mr. Heck, for his
438 leadership on this important issue, and I urge my colleagues
439 to join me in favorably reporting this bill from the
440 committee.

441 And at this time, I call upon the ranking member, the
442 gentleman from Michigan, Mr. Conyers, for his opening
443 statement.

444 Mr. Conyers. Thank you, Chairman Goodlatte.

445 This is an important bill because it upholds the
446 integrity of military medals and decorations, as well as
447 corrects a constitutional flaw in a statute intended to
448 protect the integrity of these honors. Without question,
449 all who serve our Nation deserve to be honored, and those

450 who have gone beyond their peers in serving our Nation
451 deserve special recognition.

452 I am going to yield the rest of my time to my colleague
453 from Virginia, who has worked very hard on the bill, and
454 close by just saying that as a Korean veteran myself, I have
455 a particular interest and concern for this measure.

456 I yield now to the gentleman from Virginia, Mr. Scott.
457 Mr. Scott. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank the ranking
458 member for yielding.

459 This legislation is an appropriately limited measure to
460 constitutionally prohibit anyone seeking money, property, or
461 other tangible benefit by fraudulently representing that
462 they have been awarded a U.S. military medal or decoration.

463 Our military personnel, as the chairman has indicated,
464 honor us with their sacrifices and with their service. Some
465 make the ultimate sacrifice, and there are not enough words
466 to thank them for what they do. When a member of our armed
467 services commits a particularly heroic act or engages in a
468 particularly dangerous course of action, we often award them
469 with a medal or decoration. They have earned that honor
470 from the commanding officers and from the American people.

471 When someone falsely claims to have been awarded such an
472 honor, they offend us. And several years ago we passed
473 legislation prohibiting such offensive false claims.
474 However, the Supreme Court reminded us that the First
475 Amendment protects even the most offensive speech.
476 Consistent with that protection, Justice Kennedy's majority
477 opinion in *U.S. v. Alvarez* found that the Stolen Valor Act
478 was constitutionally flawed, and he stated, "Though few may
479 find the respondent's statements anything but contemptible,
480 his right to make those statements is protected by the
481 Constitution's guarantee of freedom of speech and
482 expression."

483 However, Justice Kennedy gave us clear guidance on how
484 we could amend the statute, while respecting the First
485 Amendment. He said, "Where false claims are made to effect
486 a fraud or secure monies or other valuable considerations,
487 such as offers of employment, it is well established that
488 the government may restrict speech without affronting the
489 First Amendment." Pursuant to that specific guidance from
490 the majority opinion, this bill only applies to
491 representations which are fraudulent and made with the

492 intent to obtain tangible benefits.

493 I commend my colleagues in the majority for developing
494 the bill in consultation with the minority, which led to the
495 approval by voice vote in the committee last August and an
496 overwhelming vote on the floor last September.

497 Unfortunately, the Senate did not take up last year's bill,
498 and beginning a new Congress, we have to pass new
499 legislation for this Congress.

500 So I support this bill and urge my colleagues to approve
501 the bill.

502 I yield back.

503 Mr. Conyers. I yield.

504 Chairman Goodlatte. I thank the gentleman.

505 Without objection, a statement for the record submitted
506 by Congressman Joe Heck, the sponsor of the legislation,
507 will be made a part of the record.

508 [The information follows:]

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510 Chairman Goodlatte. Are there any amendments to H.R.
511 258? The gentleman from California.

512 Mr. Issa. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to strike the
513 last word.

514 Chairman Goodlatte. The gentleman is recognized for 5
515 minutes.

516 Mr. Issa. I will not take that long. Mr. Chairman, I
517 do not have any great awards, but correcting this for all of
518 us who have served in the military so that when someone
519 makes a claim and intends to gain as a result of that claim
520 beyond those who honestly served at a low level, a medium
521 level, or who gave the last full measure, in fact, is
522 essential.

523 So I commend the chairman and the ranking member for
524 bringing this back. I would only say that we have a long
525 history in Congress. We have people who have risen to the
526 rank of congressman by claiming false valor. And that
527 represents exactly the kind of wrongdoing that I hope, in
528 fact, is contemplated by this bill, that a \$174,000 a year
529 salary and a title of honor would equally be covered under
530 this law. And I would yield to the chairman to see if that

531 is his understanding.

532 Chairman Goodlatte. That is indeed my understanding,
533 and I thank the gentleman for his observation.

534 Mr. Issa. Reclaiming my time, I thank you for this
535 important legislation and yield back.

536 Chairman Goodlatte. I thank the gentleman. The
537 gentlewoman from Texas, for what purpose do you seek
538 recognition?

539 Ms. Jackson Lee. To ask unanimous consent to speak 2
540 minutes.

541 Chairman Goodlatte. The gentlewoman is recognized for 5
542 minutes.

543 Ms. Jackson Lee. To speak to this gentleman's bill, to
544 compliment the gentleman. But anyhow, I thank the chair for
545 recognizing, and I sort of associate myself with Mr. Issa on
546 the importance and the honor of these awards. We have had
547 stories of individuals representing to communities or using
548 it in reference to their promotion. And I really think that
549 this is worthy of acknowledging the hard work of Mr. Scott.

550 And I might also put on the record, Mr. Chairman, we do
551 not have jurisdiction over this issue. But I do hope the

552 appropriate jurisdictional committees can answer and put the
553 appropriate balance between those who are acting through
554 drones, which raises their own concerns, but to those who
555 have been in combat in a different format. I understand
556 that has raised concern.

557 And I just wanted to put on the record that I think
558 those who raise the concern are correct, and I hope that we
559 can appropriately address that question in a bipartisan
560 manner so that we can handle honor in the appropriate way
561 that I should be honored.

562 This is fixing an issue that I think should be fixed,
563 and the gentleman should be complicated. And I rise to
564 support the legislation.

565 I yield back.

566 Chairman Goodlatte. I thank the gentlewoman.

567 Are there any amendments to H.R. 258?

568 A reporting quorum being present, the question is on
569 reporting the bill favorably to the House.

570 Those in favor will say aye?

571 Those opposed, no?

572 The ayes have it, and the bill is ordered reported

573 favorably.

574 Members will have 2 days to submit views.

575 [The information follows:]

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577 Chairman Goodlatte. This concludes our business today.
578 I want to thank all the members for the bipartisan work to
579 prepare and report these bills. And I thank all of you for
580 attending as well.

581 The meeting is adjourned.

582 [Whereupon, at 10:40 a.m., the committee was adjourned.]