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H. R. 71

Act to Establish Higher Paygrades for Exceptional
Service in the United States Military

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
UNITED STATES

April 21, 2024,

Representative 103315 from the great state of Michigan
for himself has introduced the following Resolution;
which shall be read on the House floor and referred to
the appropriate committee.

AN ACT

**To Establish Higher Paygrades for Exceptional
Service in the United States Military**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
of the United States in Congress Assembled.*

SEC. 1—SHORT TITLE

- (a) This piece of legislation shall be referred to as *“H. R. 71” or as “Act to Establish Higher Paygrades for Exceptional Service in the United States Military”*

SEC. 2—GENERAL PROVISIONS

- (a) Any part of any act, joint resolution, memorandum or codified law that conflicts with this act shall be deemed null and void.
- (b) This act shall be servable, in which, if any provision of this act is found unconstitutional the rest of the act shall be in full effect unless also found unconstitutional.
- (c) This act shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and signage.

SEC. 3 GENERAL PURPOSE

- (a) The purpose of this Act is to recognize and reward the exceptional dedication, bravery, and service of United States Military (USM) personnel who have demonstrated outstanding skills and leadership in combat, through the establishment of the 011 and 012 paygrades.

SEC. 4 Definitions

- (a) USM: United States Military, which includes all branches of the military service of the United States of America.
- (b) 011 Paygrade: A paygrade assigned to USM personnel who have demonstrated exceptional skills, leadership, and service in combat and have met the criteria outlined in this Act.
- (c) 012 Paygrade: A higher paygrade assigned to USM personnel who have demonstrated outstanding skills, leadership, and service in combat and have met the criteria outlined in this Act.

- (d) Combat Service: Service in a combat zone as designated by the Department of Defense and as certified by the respective branch of the USM.
- (e) 09+ Paygrade: Paygrade 09 or higher within the USM.

SEC. 5 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- (a) To qualify for the 011 or 012 paygrade, candidates must meet the following eligibility requirements:
 - I. Must have served in the USM for a minimum of 4 months.
 - II. Must have served in combat as certified by the Department of Defense.
 - III. Must have held a paygrade of 09+ for a minimum of 1 month prior to the evaluation for the 011 or 012 paygrade.

SEC. 6 IMPLEMENTATION OF PAYGRADE

- (a) In order for a member of the United States Military (USM) to be bestowed the 011 or 012 paygrade, a Joint Congressional Resolution must be successfully passed, recognizing and awarding them the respective paygrade in honor of their exceptional service and dedication as outlined in Section 5.
- (a) Upon receiving the 011 or 012 paygrade through this formal resolution, the designation shall be bestowed upon the individual for the entirety of their military career, recognizing their exemplary contributions to the USM for life.