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S. 252

To authorize the honorary appointment of Robert J. Dole to the grade
of colonel in the regular Army.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 29, 2019

Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. MORAN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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to the grade of colonel in the regular Army.

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 makes the following findings:

5 (1) Robert J. Dole, also known as Bob Dole,
6 was born July 22, 1923, in Russell, Kansas.

7 (2) As a student at the University of Kansas,
8 Bob Dole enrolled in the Army Enlisted Reserve
9 Corps in 1942. He was called to active duty the fol-
10 lowing year and served during World War II. While

1 deployed to Italy as an infantry lieutenant in the
2 10th Mountain Division, he was seriously wounded
3 in combat and was twice cited for acts of heroism
4 under fire. He finished his military service with two
5 Purple Hearts and two awards of the Bronze Star
6 Medal with “V” device for valor. He was also award-
7 ed the American Campaign medal, the European-Af-
8 rican-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the
9 World War II Victory medal. He resigned his Army
10 commission at the grade of captain.

11 (3) Bob Dole served in the House of Represent-
12 atives from 1961 to 1969. He served in the Senate
13 from 1969 until 1996. His service was previously
14 recognized by both the Legislative Branch of the
15 United States Government, through the Congres-
16 sional Gold Medal, and the Executive Branch of the
17 United States Government, through the Presidential
18 Medal of Freedom.

19 (4) Separate from the actions underlying the
20 honors previously bestowed upon him, Bob Dole also
21 made direct contributions to the Department of De-
22 fense and the veterans of United States military
23 service, including through the following:

24 (A) Bob Dole sponsored or co-sponsored
25 bills in Congress to improve veterans benefits,

1 to improve accountability of missing members
2 of the Armed Forces, to establish the Persian
3 Gulf War Veterans Health Registry, to recog-
4 nize women veterans, and to provide relief from
5 certain inequities for National Guard technician
6 service in connection with civil service retire-
7 ment.

8 (B) Bob Dole served as the National
9 Chairman of the WWII Memorial Campaign,
10 co-chair of the Families of Freedom Scholarship
11 Fund, and co-chair of the Presidential Commis-
12 sion on the Care of America's Returning
13 Wounded Warriors.

14 (5) In 2018, an Army advisory panel reviewed
15 the comprehensive record of Bob Dole's service to
16 the Armed Forces, veterans, and the national secu-
17 rity of the United States. The panel, recognizing
18 Bob Dole's unique contributions to the Department
19 of Defense and veterans, recommended the honorary
20 promotion of Bob Dole to the grade of colonel in the
21 Army.

22 (6) Acting under provisions of section 1563 of
23 title 10, United States Code, the Secretary of the
24 Army endorsed the recommendation of the advisory

1 panel for an honorary promotion of Bob Dole and
2 forwarded it to Congress for further action.

3 **SEC. 2. HONORARY APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT J. DOLE TO**
4 **THE GRADE OF COLONEL IN THE REGULAR**
5 **ARMY.**

6 (a) HONORARY APPOINTMENT.—The honorary ap-
7 pointment of Robert J. Dole, of Kansas, to the grade of
8 colonel in the regular Army is hereby authorized.

9 (b) ADDITIONAL BENEFITS NOT TO ACCRUE.—The
10 honorary appointment of Robert J. Dole to the grade of
11 colonel in the regular Army under subsection (a) shall not
12 affect pay or other benefits from the United States to
13 which Robert J. Dole is otherwise entitled based upon his
14 military service or affect any benefits to which any other
15 person may become entitled based on his military service.

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