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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Military and Veteran Affairs

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

12:00 Noon

Room 327 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs was called to order by Representative Jason Wentworth, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder and Jones. (13/13)**
The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of March 6, 2018, as printed.

Representative Albert moved to adopt the minutes of March 6, 2018, as printed. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.

The Chair laid before the committee House Resolutions 352 and 353.

HR 352 (Barrett) A resolution to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Army Warrant Officer Corps.

HR 353 (Barrett) A resolution to declare June 27, 2018, as Post Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

Representative Tom Barrett, the resolution sponsor, explained House Resolution 353.

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Zenaida Cruz, a veteran representing Women Injured in Combat-For All Women Veterans, testified in support of House Resolution 353. Questions followed.

Heidi Zellar, a veteran representing Women Injured in Combat-For All Women Veterans, testified in support of House Resolution 353. Questions followed.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card in support of House Resolution 352, but did not wish to testify:

Mark A. Sutton, Public Relations Director for the American Legion Department of Michigan;

Lino B. Pretto, Michigan Department Legislative Officer for the Military Order of the Purple Heart;

Zaneta Adams, Director and Founder of Women Injured in Combat: For All Women Veterans;

Steven A. Kozera, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs; and

Phil Yeiter, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of House Resolution 353, but did not wish to testify:

Mark A. Sutton, Public Relations Director for the American Legion Department of Michigan;

Keri Plicolta;

Henrietta Hadley, representing Women Injured in Combat-For All Women Veterans;

Marianne H Darnell; representing Black Women's Political Caucus;

Phil Yeiter, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency;

Jordan Cruz, representing Women Injured in Combat-For All Women Veterans;

Lino B. Pretto, Michigan Department Legislative Officer for the Military Order of the Purple Heart;

Zaneta Adams, Director and Founder of Women Injured in Combat: For All Women Veterans

Jeremy Tripp, Director, Government and Political Affairs at Michigan Corrections Organization;

Amanda LeAnne Brunzell, a Navy veteran, representing Women Injured in Combat-For All Women Veterans;

Kelly Anderson;

Kassie Anderson, representing Women Injured in Combat-For All Women Veterans;

Steven A. Kozera, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs; and

Dr. Sylvia M. Rafels, Colonel (Retired) United States Army.

Representative Barrett moved to report House Resolution 352 with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Wentworth, Hughes, Graves, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder and Jones, (12/13)

Nays: Representative Johnson. (1/13)

House Resolution 352 was referred to the House floor.

Representative Graves moved to report House Resolution 353 with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Wentworth, Hughes, Graves, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder and Jones, (12/13)

Nays: Representative Johnson. (1/13)

House Resolution 353 was referred to the House floor.

The Chair laid before the committee House Resolution 336.

HR 336 (Sabo) A resolution to declare June 15, 2018, as Women Veterans Day in the state of Michigan.

Representative Terry Sabo, the resolution sponsor, explained the resolution and introduced his constituent, Zaneta Adams, Director and Founder of Women Injured in Combat: For All Women Veterans, who testified in support of the resolution. Questions followed.

Phil Yeiter, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, and Erika Hoover, a veteran and a Strategy Analyst at the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, testified in support of the resolution.

Renee Haley, Director of Clare County Veterans Affairs Office and a Commissioner, representing the Michigan Women's Commission, testified in support of the resolution. Questions followed.

Laura Allen, a veteran, representing Women Injured in Combat-For All Women Veterans, and Karri Bradshaw, representing of Women Injured in Combat-For All Women Veterans, testified in support of the resolution.

Zenaida Cruz, a veteran, representing Women Injured in Combat-For All Women Veterans, and Amanda LeAnne Brunzell, a Navy veteran representing Women Injured in Combat-For All Women Veterans, testified in support of the resolution.

Rev. Dr. Jennifer L. Smith, State Chaplain for the Veteran of Foreign Wars, and Heidi Zellar, a veteran and representing Women Injured in Combat-For All Women Veterans, testified in support of the resolution.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of the resolution, but did not wish to testify:

Mark A. Sutton, Public Relations Director for the American Legion Department of Michigan;

Carol L. Hebert, Executive Director of AMVETS Department of Michigan;

David Mascnus, Department Commandant of Michigan Marine Corps League;
Steven A. Kozera, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Military;
Marianne H Darnell; representing Black Women's Political Caucus;
Kelly Anderson;
Jordon Cruz, representing Women Injured in Combat-For All Women Veterans;
Keri Plicolta;
Kassie Anderson, representing Women Injured in Combat-For All Women Veterans;
Henrietta Hadley, representing Women Injured in Combat-For All Women Veterans;
Lino B. Pretto, Michigan Department Legislative Officer for the Military Order of the
Purple Heart; and
Dr. Sylvia M. Rafels, Colonel (Retired) United States Army.

Representative Sabo offered and moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) for House Resolution 336.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder and Jones, (13/13)

Nays: None. (0/13)

The substitute was adopted

Representative Graves moved to report House Resolution 336 with the recommendation that the substitute (H-1) be adopted and that the resolution then be adopted.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Wentworth, Hughes, Graves, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder and Jones, (12/13)

Nays: Representative Johnson. (1/13)

House Resolution 336 was referred to the House floor.

There being no other business before the committee; **Representative Albert moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 12:57 p.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

Jason Wentworth, Chair
House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee