

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MS. HOULAHAN OF PENNSYLVANIA

At the appropriate place in title V, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 5 __ . PROHIBITION ON EXCLUSION FROM ASSIGN-**
2 **MENTS ON THE BASIS OF GENDER; REQUIRE-**
3 **MENTS FOR GROUND COMBAT ROLES.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION.—Section 652 of title 10, United
5 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

6 **“§ 652. Prohibition of exclusion from assignments on**
7 **the basis of gender; requirements for**
8 **ground combat roles**

9 “(a) PROHIBITION.—A member of the Army, Navy,
10 Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space Force may not be ex-
11 cluded from an occupational specialty, career field, or as-
12 signment on the basis of gender.

13 “(b) GROUND COMBAT ROLES.—(1) The Secretary
14 concerned may require gender-neutral fitness assessments
15 for members of the armed forces only if such members
16 are serving in ground combat roles.

17 “(2) The Secretary concerned may not modify the fit-
18 ness assessment requirements for members of the armed
19 forces serving in ground combat roles—

1 “(A) unless the modifications are supported by
2 scientific findings establishing that the modified re-
3 quirements predict the performance of actual, reg-
4 ular, and recurring combat duties of the ground
5 combat roles subject to such modified requirements;
6 and

7 “(B) until the date that is 180 days after the
8 date on which the Secretary concerned submits the
9 proposed modifications to the Committees on Armed
10 Services of the House of Representatives and the
11 Senate, including the scientific findings that support
12 such modifications.

13 “(3) In this subsection, the term ‘ground combat role’
14 means any military occupational specialty, rating, or des-
15 ignation, as determined by the Secretary concerned, the
16 primary mission of which includes close engagement of
17 enemy forces in ground combat operations.”.

18 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 8225 of
19 title 10, United States Code, is repealed.

