

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 252

AN ACT

To authorize the honorary appointment of Robert J. Dole
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,*

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress makes the following findings:

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

5 (2) As a student at the University of Kansas,
6 Bob Dole enrolled in the Army Enlisted Reserve
7 Corps in 1942. He was called to active duty the fol-
8 lowing year and served during World War II. While
9 deployed to Italy as an infantry lieutenant in the
10 10th Mountain Division, he was seriously wounded
11 in combat and was twice cited for acts of heroism
12 under fire. He finished his military service with two
13 Purple Hearts and two awards of the Bronze Star
14 Medal with “V” device for valor. He was also award-
15 ed the American Campaign medal, the European-Af-
16 rican-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the
17 World War II Victory medal. He resigned his Army
18 commission at the grade of captain.

19 (3) Bob Dole served in the House of Represent-
20 atives from 1961 to 1969. He served in the Senate
21 from 1969 until 1996. His service was previously
22 recognized by both the Legislative Branch of the
23 United States Government, through the Congres-
24 sional Gold Medal, and the Executive Branch of the
25 United States Government, through the Presidential
26 Medal of Freedom.

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

6 (A) Bob Dole sponsored or co-sponsored
7 bills in Congress to improve veterans benefits,
8 to improve accountability of missing members
9 of the Armed Forces, to establish the Persian
10 Gulf War Veterans Health Registry, to recog-
11 nize women veterans, and to provide relief from
12 certain inequities for National Guard technician
13 service in connection with civil service retire-
14 ment.

15 (B) Bob Dole served as the National
16 Chairman of the WWII Memorial Campaign,
17 co-chair of the Families of Freedom Scholarship
18 Fund, and co-chair of the Presidential Commis-
19 sion on the Care of America's Returning
20 Wounded Warriors.

21 (5) In 2018, an Army advisory panel reviewed
22 the comprehensive record of Bob Dole's service to
23 the Armed Forces, veterans, and the national secu-
24 rity of the United States. The panel, recognizing
25 Bob Dole's unique contributions to the Department

1 of Defense and veterans, recommended the honorary
2 promotion of Bob Dole to the grade of colonel in the
3 Army.

4 (6) Acting under provisions of section 1563 of
5 title 10, United States Code, the Secretary of the
6 Army endorsed the recommendation of the advisory
7 panel for an honorary promotion of Bob Dole and
8 forwarded it to Congress for further action.

9 **SEC. 2. HONORARY APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT J. DOLE TO**
10 **THE GRADE OF COLONEL IN THE REGULAR**
11 **ARMY.**

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

15 (b) ADDITIONAL BENEFITS NOT TO ACCRUE.—The
16 honorary appointment of Robert J. Dole to the grade of
17 colonel in the regular Army under subsection (a) shall not
18 affect pay or other benefits from the United States to
19 which Robert J. Dole is otherwise entitled based upon his

- 1 military service or affect any benefits to which any other
- 2 person may become entitled based on his military service.

Passed the Senate March 4, 2019.

Attest:

Secretary.

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