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To amend title 10, United States Code, to require that recruit basic training in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps be conducted separately for male and female recruits.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 8, 1997

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland (for himself, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. BONO, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. KILLEARY, Mr. McKEON, Mr. STUMP, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. DELAY, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. JONES, Mr. SNOWBARGER, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. COBURN, Mr. PITTS, Mr. HERGER, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mrs. NORTHUP, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. McHALE, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. CRANE, Mr. SALMON, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. METCALF, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. BARCIA, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. MICA, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. EHRLICH, Mr. COBLE, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. WAMP, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. PARKER, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. EVERETT, Mrs. EMERSON, and Mr. ISTOOK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on National Security

A BILL

To amend title 10, United States Code, to require that recruit basic training in the Army, Navy, Air Force,

and Marine Corps be conducted separately for male and female recruits.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Military Recruit Train-
 5 ing Policy Restoration Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. BASIC TRAINING TO BE CONDUCTED SEPARATELY**
 7 **FOR MALE AND FEMALE RECRUITS.**

8 (a) ARMY.—(1) Chapter 401 of title 10, United
 9 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
 10 ing new section:

11 **“§ 4318. Basic training: separate training for males**
 12 **and females**

13 “(a) RECRUIT BASIC TRAINING.—The Secretary of
 14 the Army shall require that basic training (or equivalent
 15 training) in the Army at the company level and below be
 16 conducted through separate units for male and female re-
 17 cruits.

18 “(b) OFFICERS IN COMMAND; DRILL INSTRUCC-
 19 TIONS.—For each training unit referred to in subsection
 20 (a), the Secretary of the Army shall ensure that—

21 “(1) in the case of a unit for the training of
 22 male recruits, only male officers and noncommis-
 23 sioned officers may be assigned to command the unit

1 and to serve as drill instructors in the unit, respec-
2 tively; and

3 “(2) in the case of a unit for the training of fe-
4 male recruits, only female officers and noncommis-
5 sioned officers may be assigned to command the unit
6 and to serve as drill instructors in the unit, respec-
7 tively.”.

8 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such
9 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following
10 new item:

“4318. Basic training: separate training for males and females.”.

11 (b) NAVY AND MARINE CORPS.—(1) Part III of sub-
12 title C of title 10, United States Code, is amended by in-
13 serting after chapter 601 the following new chapter:

14 **“CHAPTER 602—TRAINING GENERALLY**

“Sec.

“6931. Basic training: separate training for males and females.

15 **“§ 6931. Basic training: separate training for males**
16 **and females**

17 “(a) RECRUIT BASIC TRAINING.—The Secretary of
18 the Navy shall require that basic training (or equivalent
19 training) in the Navy and the Marine Corps at the com-
20 pany level and below be conducted through separate units
21 for male and female recruits.

1 “(b) OFFICERS IN COMMAND; DRILL INSTRU-
 2 TORS.—For each training unit referred to in subsection
 3 (a), the Secretary of the Navy shall ensure that—

4 “(1) in the case of a unit for the training of
 5 male recruits, only male officers and noncommis-
 6 sioned officers may be assigned to command the unit
 7 and to serve as drill instructors in the unit, respec-
 8 tively; and

9 “(2) in the case of a unit for the training of fe-
 10 male recruits, only female officers and noncommis-
 11 sioned officers may be assigned to command the unit
 12 and to serve as drill instructors in the unit, respec-
 13 tively.”.

14 (2) The tables of chapters at the beginning of subtitle
 15 C, and at the beginning of part III of subtitle C, of such
 16 title are amended by inserting after the item relating to
 17 section 601 the following new item:

“602. Training Generally 6931”.

18 (c) AIR FORCE.—(1) Chapter 901 of title 10, United
 19 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
 20 ing new section:

21 **“§ 9318. Basic training: separate training for males**
 22 **and females**

23 “(a) RECRUIT BASIC TRAINING.—The Secretary of
 24 the Air Force shall require that basic training (or equiva-
 25 lent training) in the Air Force at the group level and below

1 be conducted through separate units for male and female
2 recruits.

3 “(b) OFFICERS IN COMMAND; DRILL INSTRU-
4 TORS.—For each training unit referred to in subsection
5 (a), the Secretary of the Air Force shall ensure that—

6 “(1) in the case of a unit for the training of
7 male recruits, only male officers and noncommis-
8 sioned officers may be assigned to command the unit
9 and to serve as drill instructors in the unit, respec-
10 tively; and

11 “(2) in the case of a unit for the training of fe-
12 male recruits, only female officers and noncommis-
13 sioned officers may be assigned to command the unit
14 and to serve as drill instructors in the unit, respec-
15 tively.”.

16 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such
17 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following
18 new item:

“9318. Basic training: separate training for males and females.”.

19 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Sections 4318, 6931, and
20 9318 of title 10, United States Code, as added by this
21 section, shall apply with respect to recruit basic training
22 classes (or equivalent classes) beginning after December
23 31, 1997.

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