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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 2008

Mr. HALL of Texas (for himself and Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Science and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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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. AUTHORITY TO APPOINT ASTRONAUTS WHO**  
2 **PARTICIPATED IN MOON MISSIONS OF THE**  
3 **APOLLO PROGRAM TO THE GRADE OF MAJOR**  
4 **GENERAL OR REAR ADMIRAL ON THE RE-**  
5 **TIRED LIST.**

6 (a) APPOINTMENT AS MAJOR GENERAL.—The Presi-  
7 dent is authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and  
8 consent of the Senate, each astronaut who participated in  
9 a mission to the moon in the Apollo program of the Na-  
10 tional Aeronautics and Space Administration and is on the  
11 retired list of the Army, Air Force, or Marine Corps to  
12 the grade of major general on the applicable retired list.

13 (b) APPOINTMENT AS REAR ADMIRAL.—The Presi-  
14 dent is authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and  
15 consent of the Senate, each astronaut who participated in  
16 a mission to the moon in the Apollo program of the Na-  
17 tional Aeronautics and Space Administration and is on the  
18 retired list of the Navy to the grade of rear admiral on  
19 the retired list of the Navy.

20 (c) NO EFFECT ON RETIRED PAY OR OTHER BENE-  
21 FITS.—Any appointment made under the authority of sub-  
22 section (a) or (b) shall not affect the retired pay or other  
23 benefits of the member of the Armed Forces so appointed  
24 or any benefits to which any other person is or may be-  
25 come entitled based upon the service of that member.

1 **SEC. 2. POSTHUMOUS COMMISSION FOR DECEASED ASTRO-**  
2 **NAUTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE APOLLO**  
3 **MOON MISSIONS.**

4 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The President, by and with the ad-  
5 vice and consent of the Senate, may issue posthumously  
6 a commission as major general or rear admiral in the ap-  
7 propriate branch of the Armed Forces in the name of any  
8 astronaut who participated in a mission to the moon in  
9 the Apollo program of the National Aeronautics and Space  
10 Administration and is deceased.

11 (b) **DATE OF COMMISSION.**—A commission issued  
12 under subsection (a) shall issue as of the date of the death  
13 of the deceased member of the Armed Forces receiving  
14 the commission.

15 (c) **PROHIBITION OF BENEFITS.**—No person is enti-  
16 tled to receive any bonus, gratuity, pay, allowance, or  
17 other financial benefit by reason of the enactment of this  
18 section.

19 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION AS LUNAR AMBASSADORS FOR CIVIL-**  
20 **IAN ASTRONAUTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN**  
21 **THE APOLLO MOON MISSIONS.**

22 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The President is authorized to ap-  
23 point, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate,  
24 as a Lunar Ambassador each astronaut who—

1           (1) participated in a mission to the moon in the  
2       Apollo program of the National Aeronautics and  
3       Space Administration; and

4           (2) is not a member of the Armed Forces.

5       (b) PROHIBITION OF BENEFITS.—No person is enti-  
6       tled to receive any bonus, gratuity, pay, allowance, or  
7       other financial benefit by reason of the enactment of this  
8       section.

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