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# S. 252

To authorize the honorary appointment of Robert J. Dole to the grade  
of colonel in the regular Army.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 29, 2019

Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. MORAN) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

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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,*

3       **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4       Congress makes the following findings:

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

7               (2) As a student at the University of Kansas,  
8       Bob Dole enrolled in the Army Enlisted Reserve  
9       Corps in 1942. He was called to active duty the fol-  
10      lowing year and served during World War II. While

1        deployed to Italy as an infantry lieutenant in the  
2        10th Mountain Division, he was seriously wounded  
3        in combat and was twice cited for acts of heroism  
4        under fire. He finished his military service with two  
5        Purple Hearts and two awards of the Bronze Star  
6        Medal with “V” device for valor. He was also award-  
7        ed the American Campaign medal, the European-Af-  
8        rican-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the  
9        World War II Victory medal. He resigned his Army  
10       commission at the grade of captain.

11            (3) Bob Dole served in the House of Represent-  
12        atives from 1961 to 1969. He served in the Senate  
13        from 1969 until 1996. His service was previously  
14        recognized by both the Legislative Branch of the  
15        United States Government, through the Congres-  
16        sional Gold Medal, and the Executive Branch of the  
17        United States Government, through the Presidential  
18        Medal of Freedom.

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

24            (A) Bob Dole sponsored or co-sponsored  
25        bills in Congress to improve veterans benefits,

1 to improve accountability of missing members  
2 of the Armed Forces, to establish the Persian  
3 Gulf War Veterans Health Registry, to recog-  
4 nize women veterans, and to provide relief from  
5 certain inequities for National Guard technician  
6 service in connection with civil service retire-  
7 ment.

8 (B) Bob Dole served as the National  
9 Chairman of the WWII Memorial Campaign,  
10 co-chair of the Families of Freedom Scholarship  
11 Fund, and co-chair of the Presidential Commis-  
12 sion on the Care of America's Returning  
13 Wounded Warriors.

14 (5) In 2018, an Army advisory panel reviewed  
15 the comprehensive record of Bob Dole's service to  
16 the Armed Forces, veterans, and the national secu-  
17 rity of the United States. The panel, recognizing  
18 Bob Dole's unique contributions to the Department  
19 of Defense and veterans, recommended the honorary  
20 promotion of Bob Dole to the grade of colonel in the  
21 Army.

22 (6) Acting under provisions of section 1563 of  
23 title 10, United States Code, the Secretary of the  
24 Army endorsed the recommendation of the advisory

1 panel for an honorary promotion of Bob Dole and  
2 forwarded it to Congress for further action.

3 **SEC. 2. HONORARY APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT J. DOLE TO**  
4 **THE GRADE OF COLONEL IN THE REGULAR**  
5 **ARMY.**

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

9 (b) ADDITIONAL BENEFITS NOT TO ACCRUE.—The  
10 honorary appointment of Robert J. Dole to the grade of  
11 colonel in the regular Army under subsection (a) shall not  
12 affect pay or other benefits from the United States to  
13 which Robert J. Dole is otherwise entitled based upon his  
14 military service or affect any benefits to which any other  
15 person may become entitled based on his military service.

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