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H. R. 5071

To amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of the Air Force to designate certain separated members of the Air Force as honorary separated members of the Space Force.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 28, 2023

Mr. BACON (for himself, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. BABIN, Mr. LIEU, and Mr. LAMBORN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Space Force Legacy
5 Guardian Recognition Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN SEPARATED**
2 **MEMBERS OF THE AIR FORCE AS HONORARY**
3 **SEPARATED MEMBERS OF THE SPACE**
4 **FORCE.**

5 Chapter 933 of title 10, United States Code, is
6 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

7 **“§ 9254. Authority to designate certain separated**
8 **members of the Air Force as honorary**
9 **separated members of the Space Force**

10 “(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of the Air Force
11 may prescribe regulations that authorize an eligible indi-
12 vidual to be designated as an honorary separated member
13 of the Space Force. An eligible individual so designated
14 may be referred to as a ‘Legacy Guardian’.

15 “(b) **ELEMENTS.**—Regulations prescribed under this
16 section may include the following elements:

17 “(1) Eligibility criteria, including applicable
18 dates of service and constructive service credit, for
19 designation under this section.

20 “(2) An application process through which an
21 eligible individual, or a survivor of a deceased eligi-
22 ble individual, may apply for such designation of
23 such eligible individual.

24 “(3) A certificate, approved device, or other in-
25 signia of such designation.

1 “(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Designation of an
2 eligible individual under this section shall not be construed
3 to entitle such eligible individual to any benefit in addition
4 to those established by this section or pursuant to regula-
5 tions prescribed under this section.

6 “(d) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.—In this sec-
7 tion, the term ‘eligible individual’ means an individual—
8 “(1) whom the Secretary of the Air Force de-
9 termines served in support of space operations as a
10 member of the Air Force; and
11 “(2) who separates (or previously separated)
12 from the armed forces as a member of the Air
13 Force.”.

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