

## HR 6268

### HONOR Warriors Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CO • **Chamber:** Senate

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Salazar, John T. [D-CO-3]	D · CO		Jun 12, 2008
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Jun 19, 2008
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Jun 19, 2008
Rep. Hayes, Robin [R-NC-8]	R · NC		Jul 10, 2008
Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]	R · PA		Jul 10, 2008
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Jul 17, 2008
Rep. Kuhl, John R. "Randy", Jr. [R-NY-29]	R · NY		Jul 17, 2008
Rep. Bishop, Timothy H. [D-NY-1]	D · NY		Jul 30, 2008
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jul 30, 2008
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Jul 30, 2008
Rep. Emerson, Jo Ann [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Jul 31, 2008
Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Aug 1, 2008
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Sep 11, 2008
Rep. Stark, Fortney Pete [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Sep 11, 2008
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Sep 16, 2008

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 2, 2008
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 12, 2008
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 17, 2008

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 3008	Identical bill	<b>May 12, 2008:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
110 S 2963	Related bill	<b>May 1, 2008:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

### Summary (as of Jun 12, 2008)

Honoring Our Nation's Obligation to Returning Warriors Act or HONOR Warriors Act - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide scholarships to individuals pursuing education or training in behavioral health care specialties that are critical to the operations of Vet Centers (centers for readjustment counseling and related mental health services for veterans) in order to recruit and retain individuals with such specialties for service in Vet Centers. Conditions the scholarship agreeing to serve in such a capacity for whatever period the Secretary specifies in the agreement.

Makes any Armed Forces member who serves in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom eligible for readjustment counseling and related mental health services through Vet Centers regardless of whether the member is on active duty at the time of receipt of counseling and services.

Directs the Secretary, on receipt of a request for counseling from an individual who has been discharged or released from active service, to: (1) provide referrals to assist the individual in obtaining mental health care and services outside the Department of Veterans Affairs; and (2) if pertinent, advise such individual of the individual's rights to apply for review of the discharge or release.

Treats the suicide of a former member that occurs within two years after separation or retirement, if the member had a medical history of a combat-related mental health condition, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), as a death in line of duty for purposes of the survivors' eligibility to burial benefits and benefits under the Survivor Benefit Plan, laws administered by the Secretary, and the Social Security Act.

Directs the Secretary of Defense to award grants to nonprofit organizations that provide emotional support services for survivors of deceased members of the Armed Forces and deceased veterans through the survivors' peers.

Directs the Secretary of the Army to carry out at Fort Carson, Colorado, and Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, a pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of various means of enhancing awareness among members of the Army of PTSD.

### Actions Timeline

- **Jul 2, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Jun 17, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 12, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 12, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1220)
- **Jun 12, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and Ways and Means, 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.