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To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a mission statement of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Miss RICE of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Honoring All Veterans
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MISSION STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
2 **ERANS AFFAIRS.**

3 (a) **REQUIRED MISSION STATEMENT.**—Section 301
4 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at
5 the end the following new subsection:

6 “(d) The mission statement of the Department shall
7 be as follows: ‘To fulfill President Lincoln’s promise to
8 care for those “who shall have borne the battle” and for
9 their families, caregivers, and survivors.’”.

10 (b) **NOTIFICATION.**—Not later than 30 days after the
11 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Vet-
12 erans Affairs shall—

13 (1) publish in the Federal Register and on the
14 internet website of the Department of Veterans Af-
15 fairs a notification explaining the mission statement
16 of the Department as specified in subsection (d) of
17 section 301 of title 38, United States Code, as added
18 by subsection (a) of this section; and

19 (2) update each internet website of the Depart-
20 ment of Veterans Affairs and other electronic ref-
21 erences that use a previous mission statement.

22 (c) **GUIDANCE.**—Not later than 30 days after the
23 date of the enactment of the this Act, the Secretary shall
24 develop and issue guidance to all elements of the Depart-
25 ment regarding the mission statement of the Department
26 as specified in subsection (d) of section 301 of title 38,

1 United States Code, as added by subsection (a) of this
2 section. The guidance shall include the following:

3 (1) A notification explaining the mission state-
4 ment.

5 (2) Instructions and a timeline for updating all
6 previous mission statement references at each such
7 element.

8 (3) A method to monitor and evaluate the com-
9 pliance by facilities of the Department with the
10 guidance, including a reporting mechanism for such
11 facilities to report back to the Secretary on the
12 progress made in updating all non-electronic mission
13 statement references.

14 (4) Any other information that the Secretary
15 determines necessary to ensure timely compliance
16 with the guidance.

17 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
18 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
19 to Congress a report containing a review and assessment
20 of the progress of each element of the Department in com-
21 plying with the guidance under subsection (c), including—

22 (1) any reasons explaining why an element of
23 the Department has failed to implement the guid-
24 ance; and

1 (2) a plan to address any such failure to imple-
2 ment the guidance and ensure that each element of
3 the Department fully implements and complies with
4 the guidance.