

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5116, AS REPORTED**  
**OFFERED BY MR. HALL OF TEXAS**

Page 245, line 4, through page 246, line 8, strike  
sections 701 through 703 and insert the following:

**1 SEC. 701. FUNDING PRIORITY.**

2       It is the sense of Congress that, among the programs  
3 and activities authorized in this Act, those that correspond  
4 to the recommendations of the National Academy of  
5 Sciences' 2005 report entitled "Rising Above the Gath-  
6 ering Storm" remain critical to maintaining long-term  
7 United States economic competitiveness, and accordingly  
8 should receive higher priority in funding.

**9 SEC. 702. PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.**

10       For the purposes of the activities and programs sup-  
11 ported by this Act and the amendments made by this  
12 Act—

13       (1) institutions of higher education chartered to  
14 serve large numbers of students with disabilities, in-  
15 cluding Gallaudet University, Landmark College,  
16 and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf  
17 and institutions of higher education offering science,  
18 technology, engineering, and mathematics research  
19 and education activities and programs available to

1 veterans with disabilities, shall receive special consid-  
2 eration and have a designation consistent with the  
3 designation for other institutions that serve popu-  
4 lations underrepresented in STEM to ensure that in-  
5 stitutions of higher education chartered to or serving  
6 persons with disabilities benefit from such research  
7 and education activities and programs; and

8 (2) agencies for which appropriations are au-  
9 thorized by this Act or the amendments made by  
10 this Act shall also conduct outreach to veterans with  
11 disabilities pursuing studies in science, technology,  
12 engineering, and mathematics to ensure that such  
13 veterans are aware of and benefit from the research  
14 and education activities and programs authorized by  
15 this Act.

16 **SEC. 703. VETERANS AND SERVICE MEMBERS.**

17 In awarding scholarships and fellowships under this  
18 Act, an institution of higher education shall give pref-  
19 erence to applications from veterans and service members,  
20 including those who have received or will receive the Af-  
21 ghanistan Campaign Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal as  
22 authorized by Public Law 108-234 (10 U.S.C. 1121 note;  
23 118 Stat. 655) and Executive Order No. 13363, or any  
24 other comparable military award.

