

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 4435
OFFERED BY MR. SCHIFF OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of title X, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 10 . FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The Vietnam Veterans Memorial continues
4 to be a popular and important place of reflection
5 and healing for a generation.

6 (2) The simple inscriptions of the names of the
7 Nation's dead bear mute testimony to the sacrifice
8 of more than 58,000 Americans, serving as a deep
9 source of comfort and pride for the families of those
10 who were lost.

11 (3) 74 sailors were lost aboard the USS Frank
12 E. Evans, which sank after colliding with the HMAS
13 Melbourne on June 3, 1969, during a Southeast
14 Asia Treaty Organization exercise just outside the
15 designated combat zone.

16 (4) The Frank Evans had been providing sup-
17 port fire for combat operations in Vietnam before
18 the exercise that resulted in the accident and was
19 scheduled to return after the exercise.

1 (5) The families of the 74 men lost aboard the
2 USS Frank E. Evans have been fighting for decades
3 to have their loved ones added to the Memorial.

4 (6) Exceptions have been granted to inscribe
5 the names on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial for
6 other servicemembers who were killed outside of the
7 designated combat zone, including in 1983 when
8 President Ronald Reagan ordered that 68 Marines
9 who died on a flight outside the combat zone be
10 added to the wall.

11 (7) Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus, in a let-
12 ter dated December 15, 2010, expressed support for
13 the addition of the 74 names of the men lost aboard
14 the USS Frank E. Evans to the Vietnam Veterans
15 Memorial.

16 (8) The heroism and sacrifice should never go
17 unrecognized because of an arbitrary line on a map.

18 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
19 gress that the Secretary of Defense should order that the
20 names of the 74 military personnel lost aboard the USS
21 Frank E. Evans on June 3, 1969, be added to the Viet-
22 nam Veterans Memorial.

