

# SUSPENSION

## A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATORS MILLS & LORIGO

Re: Support for H.R. 4325, the Access to Military Service Records Act

WHEREAS, it is the finding of this body that veterans should not have to incur financial burdens for evidence of their military service to this country; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense transfers service records of veterans to the National Archives sixty-two years after they are discharged from the armed forces, which then may charge up to 70 dollars to obtain a copy of these records; and

WHEREAS, this honorable body hereby supports the position that veterans or their next of kin should not, in light of their service and sacrifice, have to pay for these records; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Brian Higgins has introduced H.R. 4325, Access to Military Service Records Act, which removes the cost to these veterans and families, who are in search of information to learn about military assignments, training, and other useful facts that can be helpful in determining eligibility for military benefits or military service medals; and

WHEREAS, it is the finding of this body that veterans have faithfully served and sacrificed for this country and therefore should not be charged a fee to obtain their service records.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this honorable body hereby supports the elimination of charging veterans and their next of kin for access to military records as presented in H.R. 4325; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the offices of Congressman Higgins, Congressman Collins, Congressman Reed, Chairman Trey Gowdy, Senator Schumer, and Senator Gillibrand, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: None