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Veterans Education Project applauds Introduction of H.R. 1423: Every Day in Uniform Counts Act

Washington, D.C. – The Veterans Education Project (VEP) proudly supports the introduction of H.R. 1423, the Every Day in Uniform Counts Act, led by Representative Mike Levin (CA-49). This crucial legislation ensures that all National Guard and Reserve members receive equitable Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits for their service, correcting a long-standing disparity in how their time in uniform is recognized. Currently, National Guard members often do not receive GI Bill credit for time spent in uniform, even when serving alongside their Active Duty and Reserve counterparts in the same capacity. The Every Day in Uniform Counts Act closes this gap, ensuring that service members who wear the uniform and perform essential duties receive the benefits they have rightfully earned.

“Every day in uniform should count toward education benefits,” said Donald Franklin, Executive Director of the Veterans Education Project. “National Guard members serve, sacrifice, and train just like their Active Duty and Reserve counterparts. It’s time our laws reflect that reality and provide them with the same access to the Post-9/11 GI Bill.”

The issue stems from outdated interpretations of Title 38, U.S. Code, which have historically excluded certain National Guard duty statuses from counting toward GI Bill eligibility. Despite a 2016 policy change that extended some benefits to Reservists, National Guard members remain disadvantaged. H.R. 1423 corrects this oversight by ensuring that duty under Title 32—including Active Duty for Training (ADT), Active Duty Special Work (ADSW), and Full-time National Guard Duty—qualifies for GI Bill benefits.

The Veterans Education Project urges Congress to swiftly pass this legislation and provide National Guard members with the benefits they deserve. “This is about fairness,” added Franklin. “We look forward to working with Representative Levin and other lawmakers to make sure that no service member is left behind.”

For more information on the Every Day in Uniform Counts Act, or to support this initiative, please contact nick@thevep.org].

About the Veterans Education Project

The Veterans Education Project (VEP) is a nonpartisan advocacy organization dedicated to ensuring that veterans, service members, and their families receive fair and equitable access to education benefits. VEP works with policymakers, educators, and veteran communities to advance legislation that protects and expands opportunities for those who have served.

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