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Washington, D.C. – Today, in a continuing commitment to honor our nation’s veterans, Congressman J

Both the Veterans Guaranteed Bonus Act, H.R. 3793 and the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act

“Our men and women in uniform – and our nation’s military families – have made great sacrifices. Some

H.R. 3793 addresses a bonus problem highlighted by the Dole-Shalala Wounded Warriors Commission,

Current Department of Defense policy prohibits bonuses from being paid in full to service members unless

- Guarantees that service members who die or are discharged for disability will not be required to repay
- Mandates the DoD to provide full bonuses to any service members who die or are discharged for combat
- Requires bonuses to be paid within 90 days of discharge.

“When a service member is injured in combat in service to our nation, it is outrageous that they could be

H.Res. 884, Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2007, makes permanent a measure that

The bill would make thousands of veterans eligible for low-interest loans by making permanent and mod

Additionally, the legislation makes sure that reservists called up for active duty do not suffer a pay cut by

H.Res. 884 also takes other steps to relieve economic hardships for military families, like:

- Permitting active duty reservists to make penalty-free withdrawals from retirement plans;
- Permitting an employer to make contributions to a qualified retirement plan on behalf of an employ
- Counting extra pay for active duty military personnel from their previous civilian employer for retire
- Permitting recipients of military death benefit gratuities to roll over the amounts received, tax-free,

“With a wage earner serving overseas, sometimes for multiple deployments, soldiers and military familie

H.Res. 884 combines several stand-alone bills, including H.R. 3529 the “Tax Relief for Americans in Cor