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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2410, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON OF  
TEXAS**

At the end of subtitle B of title XI, add the following:

1 **SEC. 11\_\_\_. INTERNATIONAL PREVENTION AND ELIMI-**  
2 **NATION OF CHILD SOLDIERS.**

3 It is the sense of Congress that—

4 (1) the use of child soldiers is unacceptable;

5 (2) the use of child soldiers is a violation of  
6 human rights and the prevention and elimination of  
7 child soldiers should be a foreign policy goal of the  
8 United States;

9 (3) the use of child soldiers promotes killing  
10 and maiming, sexual violence, abductions, desta-  
11 bilization, and displacement;

12 (4) investing in the health, education, well  
13 being, and safety of children, and providing eco-  
14 nomic opportunity and vocational training for at-risk  
15 youth, is critical to achieving the goals of the United  
16 Nations Convention of the Rights of Children; and

1           (5) countries should raise to 18 years of age the  
2           minimum age for the voluntary recruitment of per-  
3           sons into their national armed forces.

