

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2647, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. MCKEON OF CALIFORNIA AND  
MR. SKELTON OF MISSOURI**

At the end of subtitle E of title X (page 374, after line 2), insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 1055. SENSE OF CONGRESS HONORING THE HONOR-**  
2 **ABLE JOHN M. MCHUGH.**

3 (a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress makes the following find-  
4 ings:

5 (1) In 1993, Representative John M. McHugh  
6 was elected to represent New York's 23rd Congres-  
7 sional district, which is located in northern New  
8 York and consists of Clinton, Hamilton, Lewis,  
9 Oswego, Madison, and Saint Lawrence counties and  
10 parts of Essex, Franklin, Fulton, and Oneida coun-  
11 ties.

12 (2) Representative McHugh also represents  
13 Fort Drum, home of the 10th Mountain Division.

14 (3) Prior to his service in Congress, Represent-  
15 ative McHugh served four terms in the New York  
16 State Senate, representing the 48th district from  
17 1984 to 1992.

1           (4) Representative McHugh began his public  
2 service career in 1971 in his hometown of Water-  
3 town, New York, where he served for five years as  
4 a Confidential Assistant to the City Manager.

5           (5) Subsequently, Representative McHugh  
6 served for nine years as Chief of Research and Liai-  
7 son with local governments for New York State Sen-  
8 ator H. Douglas Barclay.

9           (6) Representative McHugh is known by his  
10 colleagues as a leader on national defense and secu-  
11 rity issues and a tireless advocate for America's mili-  
12 tary personnel and their families.

13           (7) During his tenure, he has led the effort to  
14 increase Army and Marine Corps end-strength levels,  
15 increase military personnel pay, reduce the unfair  
16 tax on veterans' disability and military retired pay  
17 (concurrent receipt) and safeguard military retiree  
18 benefits for our troops.

19           (8) Since the 103rd Congress, Representative  
20 McHugh has served on the Armed Services Com-  
21 mittee of the House of Representatives and subse-  
22 quently was appointed Chairman of the Morale, Wel-  
23 fare, and Recreation Panel before being appointed  
24 Chairman of the Military Personnel Subcommittee.

1           (9) Representative McHugh began serving on  
2           the United States Military Academy Board of Visi-  
3           tors in 1995, and he was appointed to the Board of  
4           Visitors by the Speaker of the House in 2007.

5           (10) In the 111th Congress, Representative  
6           McHugh was appointed Ranking Member of the  
7           Armed Services Committee of the House of Rep-  
8           resentatives by the Republican membership of the  
9           House of Representatives.

10          (11) On June 2, 2009, the President nominated  
11          Representative McHugh to serve as the Secretary of  
12          the Army.

13          (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
14          gress that the Honorable John M. McHugh, Representa-  
15          tive from New York, has served the House of Representa-  
16          tives and the American people selflessly and with distinc-  
17          tion and that he deserves the sincere and humble gratitude  
18          of Congress and the Nation.

