

131. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE REED  
OF NEW YORK OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1540, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. REED OF NEW YORK**

At the end of title X of division A, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 1099C. DESIGNATION OF "TAPS" AS NATIONAL SONG**  
2 **OF REMEMBRANCE.**

3 (a) DESIGNATION.—Chapter 3 of title 36, United  
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

6 **"§ 306. National Song of Remembrance**

7 "(a) DESIGNATION.—The bugle call commonly  
8 known as 'Taps', consisting of 24 notes sounded on a  
9 bugle or trumpet performed by a solo bugler or trumpeter  
10 without accompaniment or embellishment, is the National  
11 Song of Remembrance.

12 **"(b) CONDUCT DURING SOUNDING.—**

13 **"(1) IN GENERAL.—**During a performance of  
14 'Taps' at a military funeral, memorial service, or  
15 wreath laying—

16 **"(A)** all present, except persons in uniform, should stand at attention with the right  
17 hand over the heart;  
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1           “(B) men not in uniform should remove  
2           their headdress with their right hand and hold  
3           the headdress at the left shoulder, the hand  
4           being over the heart; and

5           “(C) persons in uniform should stand at  
6           attention and give the military salute at the  
7           first note of ‘Taps’ and maintain that position  
8           until the last note.

9           “(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not  
10          apply when ‘Taps’ is sounded as the final bugle call  
11          of the day at a military base.

12          “(c) DEFINITION OF MILITARY BASE.—In this sec-  
13          tion, the term ‘military base’ means a base, camp, post,  
14          station, yard, center, homeport facility for any ship, or  
15          other activity under the jurisdiction of the Department of  
16          Defense, including any leased facility.”.

17          (b) CONFORMING AND CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

18                 (1) CHAPTER HEADING.—The heading of chap-  
19                 ter 3 of title 36, United States Code, is amended to  
20                 read as follows:

21                 **“CHAPTER 3—NATIONAL ANTHEM, MOTTO,  
22                 AND OTHER NATIONAL DESIGNATIONS”.**

23                 (2) TABLE OF CHAPTERS.—The item relating  
24                 to chapter 3 in the table of chapters for such title  
25                 is amended to read as follows:

                  “3. National Anthem, Motto, and Other National Designations ..... 301”.

1           (3) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections  
2           at the beginning of such chapter is amended by add-  
3           ing at the end the following new item:

“306. National Song of Remembrance.”.

Amend the table of contents in section 2(b) by in-  
serting after the item relating to section 1099B the fol-  
lowing new item:

Sec. 1099C. Designation of “Taps” as National Song of Remembrance.

