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I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, as a Member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I rise today in strong support of [H. Con. Res. 5, which expresses support for "Hire a Veteran Week"](#).

I could not agree more with this resolution or with the initiative it expresses support for. I believe it should be the goal of all businesses, whenever feasible, to hire a veteran.

Mr. Speaker, America's brave men and women put their lives, both personal and professional, on hold to serve this country and defend freedom - the very least we can do as a body is endorse initiatives intended to help with their transition back into society.

I am proud to join Members on both sides of the aisle in supporting this legislation and encouraging the President to issue a proclamation supporting the goals of "Hire a Veteran Week."

Mr. Speaker, I am an ardent supporter of America's veterans, having already introduced three pieces of legislation intended to improve veterans' benefits. As such, I will continue to support legislation intended to improve the lives of veterans and their families.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I yield back the balance of my time.