



To the Honorable Speaker Mike Johnson,

The Special Operations Association of America (SOAA) urges you to bring H.R. 1753, “The Jax Act,” to the floor for a vote. Named after Cultural Support Team (CST) Veteran, Jaclyn “Jax” Scott, the bill addresses the previously unrecognized service of CSTs in National Mission Forces and mandates the US Department of Veterans Affairs reevaluate the more than 300 women who did not receive the rightful entitlements they earned. For too long, the achievements and struggles of CST Veterans have been hidden — it is time they are given the recognition and institutional support CSTs have rightfully earned.

The Jax Act will right more than a decade of wrongdoing against CST Veterans. CSTs volunteered to fight alongside their brothers — once to join the military and again to undergo rigorous Special Operations training — in dangerous combat missions and sacrificed so much. We owe CSTs the recognition and entitlements they earned with their blood, sweat, and tears.

We urge you to consider the critical importance of the Jax Act and to take action to advance its passage through Congress. The Special Operations community has sacrificed so much in service to this Great Nation; it is our duty to ensure that they all receive the care, support, and recognition they have earned.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We look forward to your leadership and support on behalf of our nation's special operations forces.

With deepest respect,

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