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WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Special Operations Association of America supports Representative Darrell Issa reintroduction of the Jax Act, vital legislation designed to provide long-overdue recognition and benefits to women combat veterans who served in the U.S. Army Special Operations Command's Cultural Support Teams (CSTs) during the Global War on Terror. These elite female soldiers deployed on some of the most dangerous and sensitive missions alongside Special Operations Forces, yet have been excluded from the recognition and Veterans Affairs benefits they earned.

Named after Jaclyn “Jax” Scott, a CST veteran and current board member of the Special Operations Association of America, the legislation represents a bipartisan commitment to correcting this injustice. The bill previously gained significant momentum in the last Congress, clearing committee with strong support from both parties before the session concluded without a full floor vote.

“SOAA has been the driving force behind the Jax Act from day one. As a founding board member, I’ve witnessed firsthand the organization’s relentless dedication to ensuring that those who served in silence are finally seen and supported.” said **SOAA Board Member, Jaclyn “Jax” Scott**. **SOAA Founder, Daniel Elkins** added, “The Jax Act represents every Cultural Support Team member who stood shoulder to shoulder with our nation’s most elite forces, carrying out missions that changed history yet often went unrecognized. This bill is not just legislation, it’s a promise kept to the warriors who gave everything for this country.”

“The Jax Act isn’t just about amending personnel files. It’s about telling the truth, recognizing courage under fire, and fighting for those who fought for all of us,” said **Rep. Issa**. “While this reform bill is named for Jaclyn ‘Jax’ Scott, literally hundreds of other brave women service members were asked to volunteer for the most dangerous missions, did so without hesitation, and now need us to set this right.”

As the legislation moves forward in this Congress, SOAA emphasizes that passage of the Jax Act is not merely about correcting administrative oversights. It represents a fundamental commitment to honoring all who served in combat, regardless of gender, and ensuring that the nation keeps its promises to those who risked everything in its defense.

About the Special Operations Association of America: The Special Operations Association of America is dedicated to supporting special operations forces personnel and their families through advocacy, community building, and ensuring veterans receive the recognition and benefits they have earned.

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