

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5579

To provide that certain changes to the Manual of Military Decorations and Awards shall have no force or effect.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

Mr. STEUBE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Preserve Military Rec-
5 ognition Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF GENDER-NEUTRAL PRONOUN IN**

7 **JOINT PERSONAL MILITARY DECORATION CI-**
8 **TATIONS.**

9 Changes to Figure 3 (regarding opening sentences for
10 joint personal military decoration citations of the Depart-

1 ment of Defense) of the Manual of Military Decorations
2 and Awards: DoD Joint Decorations and Awards (Depart-
3 ment of Defense Manual 1348.33, Vol. 4 (December 21,
4 2016)) that became effective on August 7, 2023, and re-
5 quires the use of the gender-neutral pronoun “themselves”
6 in joint personal military decoration citations of the De-
7 partment of Defense, shall have no force or effect.

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