



## House Recognizes and Honors U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps in National Defense Authorization

July 12, 2019 – On behalf of the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we commend the House of Representatives for passing H.R. 2500, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2020, which includes the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act (H.R. 2056). This provision will recognize nurses who served as members of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II and provide them with honorable discharges, medal privileges, and burial benefits for cemeteries administered under the Department of Veterans Affairs.

“It’s time all of the nurse cadets as a group are recognized for the vital part we played in the World War II war efforts,” said Ruby Reehle Foster, a member of the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps who now resides in Illinois. “For many of us, myself included, time is running out to be able to see this come to fruition. Thank you so much to everyone who has invested time and effort into attempting to make this a reality for myself and all of the rest of the nurse cadets.”

The U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act was added to H.R. 2500 through an amendment offered by the bill sponsor, Representative Cheri Bustos (D-IL), and was supported by a bipartisan group of bill cosponsors and additional supporters.

The NCC applauds the work of the House of Representatives to ensure that these brave veterans of the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps receive the recognition they rightfully deserve and looks forward to working with the House and Senate NDAA conferees to ensure that this vital provision is included in the final bill and signed by the President.

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