

A Resolution

by the Loudoun County Democratic Committee (LCDC)

EXPRESSING support for the Combat-Injured Veterans Tax Fairness Act of 2016 (BAG16202).

WHEREAS, this bipartisan bill was submitted to the Senate of the United States by Sen. Mark Warner and Sen. John Boozman on the 17th day of March, 2016; and

WHEREAS, this bill would restore amounts improperly withheld for tax purposes from severance payments to individuals who retired or separated from service in the Armed Forces for combat-related injuries; and

WHEREAS, of the 10,000 to 11,000 individuals retired for service in the Armed Forces for medical reasons each year, some individuals are separated for combat-related injuries, and these individuals are excluded from paying taxes on severance pay income received for their combat-related injuries; and

WHEREAS, since 1991, the Secretary of Defense has improperly withheld taxes from severance pay for wounded veterans and thus denying the full compensation and benefit intended by Congress; and

WHEREAS, many veterans owed a refund are beyond the three-year period to file an amended tax return because they were not aware that these taxes were improperly withheld; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Defense shall identify and notify the individuals denied full compensation, they will be given instructions for filing amended tax returns to recover the amounts improperly withheld, and future qualifying individuals will not have taxes improperly withheld, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED on this the 2nd day of June, 2016, the Loudoun County Democratic Committee expresses full support for the Combat-Injured Veterans Tax Fairness Act of 2016, and the Committee hopes that this bipartisan act will become law as quickly as possible.