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*Bill providing housing, homecare, & more benefits for veterans and their families passes House*

**CHARLOTTE** – This past week, Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D. (NC-12) voted for the **Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act** (H.R. 8371), a bipartisan bill containing numerous provisions designed to support American veterans in accessing healthcare, employment, homecare, legal protections, education, housing, and other benefits.

“Service is the rent we pay for living on God’s earth, and certainly veterans have paid in full, with their time and often, with their health,” said Rep. Adams. “Veterans and their families deserve the best quality of life that the federal government can provide, but many of them are living with the aftereffects of their service. I intend to make sure they get their due.”

This veterans’ package includes a number of bipartisan and bicameral proposals to reform and improve the delivery of healthcare, benefits, and services at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for veterans, their families, and their survivors. It allows veterans to access healthcare at home, covers ambulance rides, provides transitional housing and other waivers and grants, and it contains the entirety or portions of a number of Democratic-sponsored bills. It was passed on Monday, November 18th, in a bipartisan vote of 389-9.

The following bills to support veterans were also passed by Congress, in a voice vote:

- S. 3126 – Mark Our Place Act (included in H.R. 4366) – Ensures Medal of Honor recipients may be marked so on their headstones regardless of when they served (current law only allows such recognition for service after 1917).
- S. 2181 – Keeping Military Families Together Act of 2024 (included in H.R. 4366) – Ensures that families can be buried with their loved ones who have died during service, and requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to furnish, upon request, memorial headstones.

Rep. Adams’ office routinely helps veterans with accessing their federal benefits or working with federal agencies. Veterans within North Carolina's 12th Congressional District may call her district office for any assistance with the federal government, at (704) 344-9950.

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