

# H.J.R. 15

## JOINT RESOLUTION ON MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT 1

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Representative **Angela Romero** proposes the following amendments:

1. *Page , Line 28 through Page 2, Line 29:*

28            ~~{WHEREAS, shame and stigma create a barrier to reporting sexual assault in the armed~~  
29 ~~forces;}~~

2. *Page 2, Lines 41 through 42:*

41   armed forces, including embarrassment,   ~~{fear, and shame and the challenge of separating~~  
42 ~~professional and personal duties;}~~   stigma, and fear of retaliation;

3. *Page 2, Lines 45 through 52:*

45            ~~{WHEREAS, according to the DOD report, individuals who experience sexual assault~~  
46 ~~do not report their assault because they fear retaliation and the lack of confidentiality when~~  
47 ~~reported within the chain of command;~~  
48            ~~WHEREAS, according to the DOD report, 73% of the women and 44% of the men who~~  
49 ~~experienced sexual assault in the past year did not report it because they wanted to forget about~~  
50 ~~the event and move on;~~  
51            ~~WHEREAS, in addition, according to the DOD report, 61% of women and 41% of men~~  
52 ~~did not want more people to know about their sexual assault;}~~

4. *Page 3, Line 69:*

69   violence in the United States Armed Forces.   =

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognize the efforts of the Department of Defense to acknowledge the issue of sexual assault in the military and to support those who have been victims of sexual assault.**