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Mr. Speaker,

The Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **H.J.R. 15**, JOINT RESOLUTION ON MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA, by Representative A. Romero, with 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~~
 confidentially 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;~~ }

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- 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.**

Respectfully,

Ryan D. Wilcox
Chair

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