

Washington, DC—Yesterday, Congressman Olver voted for H.R. 674, a bill that will spur the hiring of veterans through provisions included in the President’s American Jobs Act, along with provisions from the Bishop/Murray Hiring Heroes Act (H.R. 1941) and the VOW Act (H.R. 2433).

“Making sure that our brave men and women are able to find employment when they return home is a top priority for everyone in Congress, and I was pleased to see this effort pass unanimously in the House last night,” said Congressman Olver. “Our veterans give us their best, and they deserve our best in return,” Olver added.

This legislation will provide businesses with a tax credit of up to \$5,600 for hiring veterans who have been looking for a job for more than six months, as well as a \$2,400 credit for veterans who are unemployed for more than four weeks, but less than six months. Additionally, the Transition Assistance Program (TAP)—an interagency workshop coordinated by the Departments of Defense, Labor and Veterans Affairs—will become mandatory for service members moving on to civilian life. This program will ensure each veteran receives career counseling, resume writing workshops and other professional development training to help them secure 21st Century jobs.

The bill will now go to the President’s desk to be signed into law.

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