

COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION

117th CONGRESS

A RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 117-22

**A Resolution to Amend the *Members' Congressional Handbook*
and the *Committees' Congressional Handbook***

***Be it resolved*, that the Committee on House Administration adopt the following resolution, under the authority of and pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 4313, 2 U.S.C. § 5341(d), clause 1(k)(1) of Rule X, clause 1(k)(6) of Rule X, and clause 1(k)(9) of Rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, amending the relevant portions of the prior regulations known collectively as the *Members' Congressional Handbook* and the *Committees' Congressional Handbook*:**

SECTION 1. REPLACEMENT MEDALS, DECORATIONS, AND AWARDS.

In the regulations collectively known as the *Members' Congressional Handbook*, in the section Office Expenses, subsection Gifts and Donations, insert after “hardship case is demonstrated.” the following:

“7. A replacement medal, decoration, or award for a veteran or family member of a veteran if either the veteran or family member of the veteran is a constituent.”

SEC. 2. STAFF RETREATS.

In the regulations collectively known as the *Members' Congressional Handbook*, in the section Office Expenses, subsection Staff Meetings, insert after “official travel restrictions.” the following:

“For purposes of this provision, the “Washington, D.C. metropolitan area” includes the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Statistical Area as defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget and any location with 90 miles of the U.S. Capitol.”

SEC. 3. CHALLENGE COINS.

In the regulations collectively known as the *Members' Congressional Handbook*, in the section Office Expenses, subsection Gifts and Donations, insert after “the veteran is a constituent.” the following:

“8. A challenge coin for distribution in connection with official activities. For purposes of this provision, a “challenge coin” is a token of nominal value that may be personalized, such as to recognize the Member’s home state or congressional district. The content of a challenge coin may not include information or content which may not be included on official stationery, as provided for elsewhere in the Handbook.”

SEC. 4. FOOD AND BEVERAGE EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH AN OFFICIAL PROCEEDING.

In the regulations known collectively as the *Committees' Congressional Handbook*, in the section Disbursements, subsection General Expenses, paragraph Food and Beverage Expenses, by inserting at the beginning:

“Members and employees of a Committee may be reimbursed for food and beverage expenses incidental to in-person attendance at an official proceeding of the Committee (e.g. hearing, markup, etc.) provided the expenses are ordinary and otherwise comport with existing House rules and regulations, including those in the Handbook.”