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## Congressman Walter B. Jones

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### CONGRESSMAN JONES INTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO AID MILITARY RETIREES

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WASHINGTON, DC - Third District Representative Walter B. Jones yesterday afternoon introduced legislation that would help ease the transition into retirement by authorizing the payment of a dislocation allowance to all members of the armed forces retiring or transferring to inactive duty status. The Military Retiree Dislocation Assistance Act would amend current law to include retirees in the military's relocation allowance, to reduce the financial burden of their last move.

Members of our military and their families move many times in a typical military career. Each relocation involves considerable additional expense, including the loss of rental deposits, connecting and disconnecting utilities, and wear and tear on household goods.

Since 1955 Congress has made allotments for a dislocation allowance to cover the cost of those moves. This amount was increased in 1986 and again in recent years. While this is an important benefit for our military members, Congressman Jones felt that a certain category of our men and women in uniform was being denied these benefits: the military retiree.

“Retirees are sometimes faced with prospective employers who offer less wages knowing they are in receipt of retirement pay, and falsely believing that retirees don't need the same salary as civilians for the same position,” Congressman Jones said on the House floor. “Additionally, the military retiree will have to meet the same financial demands for mortgages, insurance, taxes, and food on a smaller income.”

“The Military Retiree Dislocation Assistance Act will ensure that even when our veterans have completed their service to our country, our country does not stop with our service to them,” Congressman Jones said. “The vast majority of these retirees have given our Nation over 20 years of dedicated service. They have helped protect the very freedoms we all hold dear. Rather than simply pushing them out the door upon retirement, we should reward their service by providing modest assistance for their final change of station move.”

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