

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1499

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 24, 2005

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## AN ACT

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow members of the Armed Forces serving in a combat zone to make contributions to their individual retirement plans even if the compensation on which such contribution is based is excluded from gross income, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Heroes Earned Retire-  
5 ment Opportunities Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMBAT ZONE COMPENSATION TAKEN INTO AC-**  
7                   **COUNT FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING**  
8                   **LIMITATION AND DEDUCTIBILITY OF CON-**  
9                   **TRIBUTIONS TO INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT**  
10                  **PLANS.**

11       (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (f) of section 219 of  
12 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by redesignig-  
13 nating paragraph (7) as paragraph (8) and by inserting  
14 after paragraph (6) the following new paragraph:

15               “(7) SPECIAL RULE FOR COMPENSATION  
16 EARNED BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES FOR  
17 SERVICE IN A COMBAT ZONE.—For purposes of sub-  
18 sections (b)(1)(B) and (c), the amount of compensa-  
19 tion includible in an individual’s gross income shall  
20 be determined without regard to section 112.”.

1       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
2 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
3 December 31, 2004.

Passed the House of Representatives May 23, 2005.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

*Clerk.*