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## Combatting Racist Training in the Military Act

### Background

Anti-American and racist theories, particularly Critical Race Theory, are seeping into military education and training, threatening the combat effectiveness and cohesion of the United States Armed Forces. Critical Race Theory departs radically from America's Founding principles of equality of rights and equal treatment, which motivated President Truman's Executive Order desegregating the military and the Civil Rights movement. Instead, Critical Race Theory posits that the United States and its Founding principles are fundamentally racist, that racial groups and their members are fundamentally "oppressive" or "oppressed," and that the law must discriminate on the basis of race to overcome entrenched injustices.

Below are recent examples of CRT material promoted by the military.

- The U.S. Navy included a racist book, ironically titled *How to Be An Anti-Racist*, in its Professional Reading Program. The book argues that the law should discriminate on the basis of race to correct disparities allegedly caused by racism. The book states, "The only remedy to past discrimination is present discrimination. The only remedy to present discrimination is future discrimination."
- Separately, the Navy's Second Fleet organized a book club for sailors to read *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*, a book that argues individuals are defined by the color of their skin and that racial groups are inherently pitted against one another in a power struggle.

### Combatting Racist Training in the Military Act

The Combatting Racist Training in the Military Act prohibits the United States Armed Forces and educational institutions operated or controlled by the Department of Defense—such as Service Academies—from promoting the following un-American and racist theories:

1. Any race is inherently superior or inferior to any other race.
2. The United States is a fundamentally racist country.
3. The Declaration of Independence or the United States Constitution are fundamentally racist documents.
4. An individual's moral worth is determined by his or her race.
5. An individual, by virtue of his or her race, is inherently racist or oppressive, whether consciously or unconsciously.
6. An individual, because of his or her race, bears responsibility for the actions committed by members of his or her race.

This bill would prevent the military from including such theories in trainings or other professional settings, if their inclusion would reasonably appear as an endorsement. It also would prohibit the military from hiring consultants to teach such theories, compelling individuals to profess belief in such theories, or segregating individuals on the basis of race in any setting.

The bill would permit the military to describe these theories and assign works that advocate such theories in educational contexts that make clear the military does not sponsor, approve, or endorse them. The bill would not prevent any individual from accessing materials that contain such theories or otherwise exercising their lawful, protected speech.