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To amend section 1059(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 to clarify that a period of employment abroad by the Chief of Mission or United States Armed Forces as a translator, interpreter, or in an executive level security position is to be counted as a period of residence and physical presence in the United States for purposes of qualifying for naturalization if at least a portion of such period was spent in Iraq or Afghanistan, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2012

Mr. DENT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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

SECTION 1. CLARIFICATION WITH RESPECT TO ABSENCE FROM THE UNITED STATES DUE TO CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT BY CHIEF OF MISSION OR ARMED FORCES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1059(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note) is amended to read as follows:

"(e) NATURALIZATION.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—A period of absence from the United States described in paragraph (2)—

"(A) shall not be considered to break any period for which continuous residence or physical presence in the United States is required for naturalization under title III of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.); and

"(B) shall be treated as a period of residence and physical presence in the United States for purposes of satisfying the requirements for naturalization under such title.

"(2) ABSENCE DESCRIBED.—A period of absence described in this paragraph is a period of absence from the United States due to a person's employment by the Chief of Mission or United States Armed Forces, under contract with the Chief of Mission or United States Armed Forces, or by a firm

or corporation under contract with the Chief of Mission or United States Armed Forces, if—

"(A) such employment involved working with the Chief of Mission or United States Armed Forces as a translator, interpreter, or in an executive level security position; and

"(B) the person spent at least a portion of the time outside of the United States working directly with the Chief of Mission or United States Armed Forces as a translator, interpreter, or in an executive level security position in Iraq or Afghanistan.".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enactment of section 1059(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note).

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