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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 17, 1944

Mr. COSTELLO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs

A BILL

To provide for the appointment of female pilots and aviation cadets in the Air Forces of the Army.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That for the period of the present war and for six months
4 thereafter or for such shorter period as the Congress by
5 concurrent resolution or the President by proclamation shall
6 prescribe, there may be included in the Air Forces of the
7 Army such female commissioned and flight officer personnel
8 and female aviation student personnel as the Secretary of War
9 may consider necessary. The qualifications, duties, and as-
10 signments of such personnel shall be in accordance with regu-
11 lations to be prescribed by the Secretary of War. No officer

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1 shall be appointed to a grade above that of colonel and not
2 more than one officer to that grade, and the right of com-
3 missioned or flight officers to exercise command shall be
4 specifically limited to personnel placed under their command.

5 SEC. 2. The commissioned personnel selected directly
6 from civil life, of which not less than 95 per centum shall
7 consist of qualified pilots, shall be appointed in the Army
8 of the United States under the provisions of the joint resolu-
9 tion of September 22, 1941 (55 Stat. 728), and ordered
10 into the active service of the United States.

11 SEC. 3. Under such regulations as the Secretary of
12 War shall prescribe, female aviation cadets may be appointed
13 for pilot training in the Army of the United States and,
14 upon successful completion of the prescribed course of train-
15 ing, may be commissioned as second lieutenants in the
16 Army of the United States under the provisions of the joint
17 resolution of September 22, 1941, or appointed as flight
18 officers of the Army of the United States under the pro-
19 visions of the Act of July 8, 1942 (56 Stat. 649). Service
20 as an aviation cadet which is terminated by discharge before
21 completion of the prescribed course of training or before
22 commission as a second lieutenant or appointment as a flight
23 officer, and which is not terminated as a result of a physical
24 disability incurred during such training, shall not be regarded
25 as service in the armed forces within the meaning of the

1 laws granting rights, privileges, or benefits to discharged
2 members of the armed forces.

3 SEC. 4. All persons commissioned or appointed under
4 this Act shall, except as otherwise provided herein, receive
5 the same pay and allowances as members of the Army of
6 the United States and shall be entitled to the same rights,
7 privileges, and benefits as are accorded the said members
8 of the same rank, grade, and length of service.