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## Secretary Wilkie's Statement Regarding House Veterans' Affairs Ranking Member Phil Roe's Retirement Announcement

"Rep. Phil Roe played a critical role in the most comprehensive overhaul of the Department of Veterans Affairs this nation has seen in generations. His legacy includes writing the bill that gave Veterans real, permanent choice; putting us on a path to modernizing our electronic health records; and making sure VA remains accountable to the Veterans it serves," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie.

"The work he did during his time leading the House Veterans' Affairs Committee has reshaped VA for generations to come and will positively impact the lives of millions of Veterans," Wilkie added. "All of us are grateful that Dr. Roe had the drive to come to Congress and make such an important contribution to the lives of our Veterans. More importantly, he is a true gentleman with an unfailing love for his country and family."