

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4511

To amend the Veterans' Oral History Project Act to allow the collection of video and audio recordings of biographical histories by immediate family members of members of the Armed Forces who died as a result of their service during a period of war.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 9, 2016

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, and Mr. MACARTHUR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Gold Star Families
5 Voices Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COLLECTION OF VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDINGS**
2 **OF BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORIES BY IMME-**
3 **DIATE FAMILY MEMBERS OF MEMBERS OF**
4 **THE ARMED FORCES WHO DIED AS A RESULT**
5 **OF THEIR SERVICE DURING A PERIOD OF**
6 **WAR.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 3(a) of
8 the Veterans’ Oral History Project Act (20 U.S.C.
9 2142(a)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

10 “(1) to collect video and audio recordings of—

11 “(A) personal histories and testimonials of
12 veterans of the Armed Forces who served dur-
13 ing a period of war; and

14 “(B) biographical histories by immediate
15 family members of members of the Armed
16 Forces who became missing in action or died as
17 a result of their service during a period of
18 war;”.

19 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 3 of the
20 Veterans’ Oral History Project Act (20 U.S.C. 2142) is
21 further amended by adding at the end the following new
22 subsection:

23 “(d) DEFINITION OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEM-
24 BER.—For purposes of subsection (a), the term ‘imme-

- 1 dicate family member' means a parent, spouse, sibling, or
- 2 child.”.

