

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4511

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and
Administration

AN ACT

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.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Gold Star Families
3 Voices Act”.

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

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 3(a) of
11 the Veterans’ Oral History Project Act (20 U.S.C.
12 2142(a)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

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

14 “(A) personal histories and testimonials of
15 veterans of the Armed Forces who served dur-
16 ing a period of war; and

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

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

1 “(d) DEFINITION OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEM-
2 BER.—For purposes of subsection (a), the term ‘imme-
3 diate family member’ means a parent, spouse, sibling, or
4 child.”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 6,
2016.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.