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H. R. 10480

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

Mr. BACON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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 “Medal of Honor Access
5 and Liaison Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS: ACCESS TO ANY**
2 **MILITARY INSTALLATION; LIAISON.**

3 (a) ACCESS.—Section 1134a of title 10, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing new subsection:

6 “(e) ACCESS.—A person whose name is entered on
7 the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard Medal of
8 Honor Roll shall be issued a common access card (or suc-
9 cessor identification) that grants such person unaccom-
10 panied access to any military installation and the Pen-
11 tagon.”.

12 (b) LIAISON.—Chapter 57 of title 10, United States
13 Code, is amended by inserting after section 1134a the fol-
14 lowing new section:

15 **“SEC. 1134b. MEDAL OF HONOR LIAISON.**

16 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is in the Department
17 of Defense a Medal of Honor Liaison, appointed by the
18 Secretary of Defense, who shall serve as liaison to MOH
19 recipients.

20 “(b) DUTIES.—The duties of the Medal of Honor Li-
21 aison include the following:

22 “(1) To serve as a primary point of contact in
23 the Department for MOH recipients and their fami-
24 lies.

25 “(2) To coordinate efforts within the Depart-
26 ment, across the armed forces, and with the Sec-

1 retary of Veterans Affairs and other Federal entities
2 regarding MOH recipients.

3 “(3) To coordinate replacement of military
4 decorations under section 1135 of this title for MOH
5 recipients.

6 “(4) To standardize protocol regarding MOH
7 recipients across the armed forces.

8 “(5) To perform public affairs outreach regard-
9 ing MOH recipients.

10 “(6) To make recommendations to the Sec-
11 retary of Defense regarding service on active duty by
12 MOH recipients, including in combat.

13 “(c) MOH RECIPIENT DEFINED.—In this section, the
14 term ‘MOH recipient’ means a person whose name is en-
15 tered on the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard
16 Medal of Honor Roll under section 1134a of this title.”.

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