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H. R. 7194

To authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to Kareem N. Dockery for acts of valor as a member of the Army while serving in Afghanistan.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 2026

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

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 “Kareem N. Dockery
5 Medal of Honor Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) On October 2, 2012, then 2nd Lieutenant
9 Kareem N. Dockery was serving as an Infantry Rifle

1 Platoon Leader with the 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry
2 Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team (Light),
3 4th Infantry Division, in support of Operation EN-
4 DURING FREEDOM.

5 (2) Dockery's platoon and accompanying Af-
6 ghan and ITS forces were conducting combat oper-
7 ations in Kapisa Province, Afghanistan when they
8 were ambushed with rifle, machine gun, and rocket-
9 propelled grenade (RPG) fire by a large group of
10 Taliban fighters.

11 (3) During the ambush, Dockery moved be-
12 tween Afghan units with his own small element, at-
13 tempting to rally and reinforce partner forces with
14 his own small element.

15 (4) Hearing that one of his soldiers was wound-
16 ed, Lieutenant Dockery moved inside a courtyard to
17 defend the small, isolated group of United States
18 soldiers.

19 (5) He assaulted into the next room to kill 1
20 enemy fighter with his carbine.

21 (6) Surrounded by more enemy fighters,
22 Dockery rallied the remaining 4 United States sol-
23 diers to continue to defend the courtyard.

24 (7) As the enemy continued its assault, addi-
25 tional RPG and grenade blasts suppressed the fire

1 team. Attempting to regain the momentum, Dockery
2 led a counterattack to clear the courtyard, at one
3 point using his body to shield a soldier from an
4 enemy grenade explosion.

5 (8) The enemy again counter-attacked the com-
6 pound with 10 additional fighters. RPG fire and gre-
7 nades wounded the entire element and destroyed the
8 last covered position of Lieutenant Dockery's team.

9 (9) Noticing that one of his NCOs was missing,
10 Lieutenant Dockery moved into a nearby alley and
11 found 2 enemy fighters dragging away an uncon-
12 scious United States soldier. Lieutenant Dockery as-
13 sailed the 2 fighters and killed them both in close
14 combat.

15 (10) Dockery then administered CPR and first
16 aid to the soldier, saving his life.

17 (11) To mark the element's position for friendly
18 helicopter gunships to suppress the remaining em-
19 bassy, Dockery then moved to the roof of the com-
20 pound, still under enemy fire, and fired smoke gre-
21 nades.

22 (12) In recognition of his actions, Kareem N.
23 Dockery received the Silver Star for conspicuous gal-
24 lantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy,
25 demonstrating heroism and selflessness above and

1 beyond the call of duty at the risk of life, keeping
 2 with the highest traditions of military service and re-
 3 flect credit upon himself, 4th Infantry Brigade, 4th
 4 Infantry Division and the United States Army.

5 (13) Kareem N. Dockery deserves the Medal of
 6 Honor for his extraordinary heroism and selflessness
 7 as he successfully protected his element from an
 8 enemy ambush and killed 3 enemy fighters, while re-
 9 peatedly putting his life in danger for the safety of
 10 his fellow soldiers.

11 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARD OF MEDAL OF HONOR**
 12 **TO KAREEM N. DOCKERY FOR ACTS OF**
 13 **VALOR AS A MEMBER OF THE ARMY WHILE**
 14 **SERVING IN AFGHANISTAN.**

15 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding the time lim-
 16 itations specified in section 7274 of title 10, United States
 17 Code, or any other time limitation with respect to the
 18 awarding of certain medals to persons who served in the
 19 Armed Forces, the President is authorized to award the
 20 Medal of Honor, under section 7271 of such title, to
 21 Kareem N. Dockery for the acts of valor described in sub-
 22 section (b).

23 (b) ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor
 24 described in section 2 of this Act are the actions of
 25 Kareem N. Dockery, as a member of the Army, on Octo-

ber 2, 2012, while serving in Afghanistan, for which he
was previously awarded the Silver Star.

