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H. R. 7211

To authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to John W. Ripley for acts of valor during the Vietnam War, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 22, 2026

Mr. GRIFFITH 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. AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARD OF MEDAL OF**
4 **HONOR TO JOHN W. RIPLEY FOR ACTS OF**
5 **VALOR AS A MEMBER OF THE MARINE CORPS**
6 **DURING THE VIETNAM WAR.**

7 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding the time lim-
8 itations specified in sections 8298(a) and 8300 of title 10,
9 United States Code, or any other time limitation with re-
10 spect to the awarding of certain medals to persons who

1 served in the Armed Forces, the President is authorized
2 to award the Medal of Honor, under section 8291 of such
3 title, to John W. Ripley for the acts of valor described
4 in subsection (b).

5 (b) ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor
6 described in this subsection are the actions of John W.
7 Ripley, as a member of the Marine Corps, on April 2,
8 1972, during the Vietnam War, for which he was pre-
9 viously awarded the Navy Cross.

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