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To amend title 36, United States Code, to establish the Red Star Service Banner as an officially recognized service banner, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 2026

Mr. BERGMAN (for himself, Mr. CORREA, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. BOST, and Mr. DUNN of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Red Star Service Ban-
5 ner Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RED STAR SERVICE BAN-**
2 **NER.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 9 of title 36, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing new section:

6 **“§ 905. Red Star Service Banner**

7 “(a) DESIGNATION.—The Red Star Service Banner
8 is designated as a commemorative symbol—

9 “(1) recognizing and remembering the service
10 members and veterans of the United States who
11 have died by suicide; and

12 “(2) acknowledging the enduring sacrifice of
13 their families.

14 “(b) DESIGN.—The Red Star Service Banner shall
15 consist of a white field with a blue border and a single
16 red star centered within the field, as approved by the Sec-
17 retary of Veterans Affairs.

18 “(c) DISPLAY.—The Red Star Service Banner may
19 be displayed—

20 “(1) at the place of residence of a member of
21 the immediate family of a service member or veteran
22 who has died by suicide;

23 “(2) within the office or building of a veterans
24 service organization or any similar entity that sup-
25 ports service members, veterans, and their families;

1 “(3) in the workplace or place of business of a
2 member of the immediate family of a service mem-
3 ber or veteran who has died by suicide, or in any
4 business establishment that chooses to honor the
5 memory of service members and veterans who have
6 died by suicide;

7 “(4) in public buildings, including Federal,
8 State, Tribal, and local government facilities, when
9 displayed as part of a program, ceremony, or instal-
10 lation intended to recognize and support service
11 members, veterans, and their families;

12 “(5) in community spaces open to the public,
13 including schools, libraries, places of worship, and
14 civic centers, when used to promote awareness of the
15 sacrifices of service members and veterans and to
16 support surviving families; and

17 “(6) at any other appropriate location, public or
18 private, where the display serves to honor the mem-
19 ory of service members and veterans who have died
20 by suicide.

21 “(d) RELATION TO OTHER SERVICE BANNERS.—The
22 Red Star Service Banner may be displayed alongside other
23 officially recognized service banners.

24 “(e) PUBLIC AWARENESS.—The Secretary of Vet-
25 erans Affairs, in coordination with the Secretary of De-

1 fense, may take appropriate actions to promote public
2 awareness and understanding of the Red Star Service
3 Banner.

4 “(f) FIRST RESPONDERS.—The Red Star Service
5 Banner may also be displayed to honor the memory of a
6 first responder who has died by suicide, including first re-
7 sponders such as firefighters, law enforcement officers,
8 and emergency medical personnel, and may be displayed
9 at the place of residence, workplace, or place of business
10 of a member of the immediate family of such a first re-
11 sponder or in any other locations that bear the same rela-
12 tionship to first responders as the locations described in
13 subsection (c) bear to service members and veterans.

14 “(g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
15 tion shall be construed to—

16 “(1) establish eligibility for, or entitlement to,
17 any benefit, program, or assistance administered by
18 the Department of Veterans Affairs or any other
19 Federal agency;

20 “(2) require the Department of Veterans Af-
21 fairs to administer, certify, or approve individual eli-
22 gibility for display of the Red Star Service Banner;
23 or

1 “(3) create any legal status, designation, or
2 classification for purposes of Federal law other than
3 recognition under this chapter.”.

4 (b) **TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—
5 The table of sections for chapter 9 of such title is amended
6 by adding at the end the following:

 “905. Red Star Service Banner.”.

7 **SEC. 3. NO ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS.**

8 No additional funds are authorized to be appro-
9 priated to carry out the amendments made by this Act,
10 and the amendments made by this Act shall be carried
11 out using amounts otherwise made available to the De-
12 partment of Veterans Affairs.

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