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To provide for the award of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal to members of the Armed Forces who participate in Operation Joint Endeavor or Operation Joint Guard in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HARKIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. ELIGIBILITY FOR ARMED FORCES EXPEDITION-**
4 **ARY MEDAL FOR PARTICIPATION IN OPER-**
5 **ATION JOINT ENDEAVOR OR OPERATION**
6 **JOINT GUARD.**

7 (a) INCLUSION OF OPERATIONS.—For the purpose of
8 determining the eligibility of members and former mem-

1 bers of the Armed Forces for the Armed Forces Expedi-
2 tionary Medal, the Secretary of Defense shall designate
3 participation in Operation Joint Endeavor or Operation
4 Joint Guard in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina,
5 and in such other areas in the region as the Secretary
6 considers appropriate, as service in an area that meets the
7 general requirements for the award of that medal.

8 (b) INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION.—The Secretary of
9 the military department concerned shall determine wheth-
10 er individual members or former members of the Armed
11 Forces who participated in Operation Joint Endeavor or
12 Operation Joint Guard meet the individual service require-
13 ments for award of the Armed Forces Expeditionary
14 Medal as established in applicable regulations. A member
15 or former member shall be considered to have participated
16 in Operation Joint Endeavor or Operation Joint Guard
17 if the member—

18 (1) was deployed in the Republic of Bosnia and
19 Herzegovina, or in such other area in the region as
20 the Secretary of Defense considers appropriate, in
21 direct support of one or both of the operations;

22 (2) served on board a United States naval ves-
23 sel operating in the Adriatic Sea in direct support
24 of one or both of the operations; or

1 (3) operated in airspace above the Republic of
2 Bosnia and Herzegovina, or in such other area in
3 the region as the Secretary of Defense considers ap-
4 propriate, while the operations were in effect.

5 (c) OPERATIONS DEFINED.—For purposes of this
6 section:

7 (1) The term “Operation Joint Endeavor”
8 means operations of the United States Armed
9 Forces conducted in the Republic of Bosnia and
10 Herzegovina during the period beginning on Novem-
11 ber 20, 1995, and ending on December 20, 1996, to
12 assist in implementing the General Framework
13 Agreement and Associated Annexes, initialed on
14 November 21, 1995, in Dayton, Ohio.

15 (2) The term “Operation Joint Guard” means
16 operations of the United States Armed Forces con-
17 ducted in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina
18 as a successor to Operation Joint Endeavor during
19 the period beginning on December 20, 1996, and
20 ending on such date as the Secretary of Defense
21 may designate.

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