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H. R. 1226

To direct the Secretary of Defense to eliminate the backlog in satisfying requests of former members of the Armed Forces for the issuance or replacement of military medals and decorations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EVANS 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 “Veterans Expedited
5 Military Medals Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF BACKLOG IN REQUESTS FOR**
2 **ISSUANCE OR REPLACEMENT OF MILITARY**
3 **MEDALS AND DECORATIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense (in this
5 section referred to as the “Secretary”) shall establish and
6 carry out a plan to make available to the organizations
7 described in subsection (b) the funds and other resources
8 necessary to ensure the elimination of the backlog in satis-
9 fying requests of former members of the Armed Forces
10 for the issuance or replacement of military decorations.

11 (b) ORGANIZATIONS.—The organizations described in
12 this subsection are the following organizations:

- 13 (1) The Army Reserve Personnel Command.
14 (2) The Bureau of Naval Personnel.
15 (3) The Air Force Personnel Center.
16 (4) The National Archives and Records Admin-
17 istration.

18 (c) NO DETRACTION IN PERSONNEL FUNCTIONS.—
19 The Secretary shall make available funds and resources
20 under the plan required under subsection (a) in a manner
21 that does not detract from the performance of other per-
22 sonnel service and personnel support activities within the
23 Department of Defense.

24 (d) DEFINITION OF MILITARY DECORATION.—For
25 purposes of this section, the term “military decoration”
26 means a medal or other decoration awarded for military

1 service by the United States to a member of the Armed
2 Forces.

3 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 45 days after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
5 to the Congress a report on the implementation of this
6 section, including a description of—

7 (1) the status of the backlog described in sub-
8 section (a); and

9 (2) the plan of the Secretary required under
10 subsection (a).

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