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H. J. RES. 95

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

JOINT RESOLUTION

Providing for the designation of a Medal of Honor Flag and for presentation of that flag to recipients of the Medal of Honor.

Whereas the Medal of Honor is the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Forces of the United States;

Whereas the Medal of Honor was established by Congress during the Civil War to recognize soldiers who had distinguished themselves by gallantry in action;

Whereas the Medal of Honor was conceived by Senator James Grimes of the State of Iowa in 1861; and

Whereas the Medal of Honor is the Nation's highest military honor, awarded for acts of personal bravery or self-sacrifice above and beyond the call of duty: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF MEDAL OF HONOR FLAG.**

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

7 **“§ 903. Designation of Medal of Honor Flag**

8 “(a) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall
9 design and designate a flag as the Medal of Honor Flag.
10 In selecting the design for the flag, the Secretary shall
11 consider designs submitted by the general public.

12 “(b) PRESENTATION.—The Medal of Honor Flag
13 shall be presented as specified in sections 3755, 6257, and
14 8755 of title 10 and section 505 of title 14.”.

15 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
16 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
17 at the end the following new item:

“903. Designation of Medal of Honor Flag.”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRESENTATION OF FLAG TO MEDAL OF HONOR RE-**
2 **CIPIENTS.**

3 (a) ARMY.—(1) Chapter 357 of title 10, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing new section:

6 **“§ 3755. Medal of honor: presentation of Medal of**
7 **Honor Flag**

8 “The President shall provide for the presentation of
9 the Medal of Honor Flag designated under section 903
10 of title 36 to each person to whom a medal of honor is
11 awarded under section 3741 of this title after the date
12 of the enactment of this section. Presentation of the flag
13 shall be made at the same time as the presentation of the
14 medal under section 3741 or 3752(a) of this title.”.

15 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such
16 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following
17 new item:

“3755. Medal of honor: presentation of Medal of Honor Flag.”.

18 (b) NAVY AND MARINE CORPS.—(1) Chapter 567 of
19 such title is amended by adding at the end the following
20 new section:

21 **“§ 6257. Medal of honor: presentation of Medal of**
22 **Honor Flag**

23 “The President shall provide for the presentation of
24 the Medal of Honor Flag designated under section 903
25 of title 36 to each person to whom a medal of honor is

1 awarded under section 6241 of this title after the date
2 of the enactment of this section. Presentation of the flag
3 shall be made at the same time as the presentation of the
4 medal under section 6241 or 6250 of this title.”.

5 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such
6 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following
7 new item:

“6257. Medal of honor: presentation of Medal of Honor Flag.”.

8 (c) AIR FORCE.—(1) Chapter 857 of title 10, United
9 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing new section:

11 **“§ 8755. Medal of honor: presentation of Medal of
12 Honor Flag**

13 “The President shall provide for the presentation of
14 the Medal of Honor Flag designated under section 903
15 of title 36 to each person to whom a medal of honor is
16 awarded under section 8741 of this title after the date
17 of the enactment of this section. Presentation of the flag
18 shall be made at the same time as the presentation of the
19 medal under section 8741 or 8752(a) of this title.”.

20 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such
21 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following
22 new item:

“8755. Medal of honor: presentation of Medal of Honor Flag.”.

1 (d) COAST GUARD.—(1) Chapter 13 of title 14,
2 United States Code, is amended by inserting after section
3 504 the following new section:

4 **§ 505. Medal of honor: presentation of Medal of**
5 **Honor Flag**

6 “The President shall provide for the presentation of
7 the Medal of Honor Flag designated under section 903
8 of title 36 to each person to whom a medal of honor is
9 awarded under section 491 of this title after the date of
10 the enactment of this section. Presentation of the flag
11 shall be made at the same time as the presentation of the
12 medal under section 491 or 498 of this title.”.

13 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such
14 chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating
15 to section 504 the following new item:

“505. Medal of honor: presentation of Medal of Honor Flag.”.

16 (e) PRIOR RECIPIENTS.—The President shall provide
17 for the presentation of the Medal of Honor Flag des-
18 ignated under section 903 of title 36, United States Code,
19 as added by section 1(a), to each person awarded the
20 Medal of Honor before the date of the enactment of this
21 resolution who is living as of that date. Such presentation
22 shall be made as expeditiously as possible after the date

1 of the designation of the Medal of Honor Flag by the Sec-
2 retary of Defense under such section.

Passed the House of Representatives June 24, 2002.

Attest: JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk.