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# H. R. 3544

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 19, 2001

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York (for herself, Ms. LEE, Mr. FROST, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. NADLER, and Mr. McNULTY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Spirit of the Nation  
5    Medal Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.**

7       The Congress finds as follows:

## 18 SEC. 3. SPIRIT OF THE NATION MEDALS.

19 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President  
20 may present, on behalf of the Congress, to each individual  
21 referred to in subsection (c), or such individual's personal  
22 representative or next of kin in the case of a deceased indi-  
23 vidual, a medal of appropriate design, in recognition of  
24 the sacrifice made by such individual.

## 25 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—

12 (c) ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE MEDAL.—

24 (3) ESTABLISHMENT OF LIST.—

9 (B) SUBSEQUENT ELIGIBILITY.—If any in-  
10 dividual become eligible for a medal in accord-  
11 ance with paragraph (1) after the date of the  
12 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the  
13 Treasury shall promptly add such individual's  
14 name to the list prepared pursuant to subpara-  
15 graph (A).

16 (4) TERRORISM DEFINED.—The term “ter-  
17 rorism” means premeditated, politically motivated  
18 violence perpetrated against noncombatant targets  
19 by subnational groups or clandestine agents, domes-  
20 tic or foreign.

## 21 SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.

22 The medals struck pursuant to this Act are national  
23 medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United  
24 States Code.

