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H. R. 1127

To amend title 10, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of the Army to establish a combat artillery medal.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 2003

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin 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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) The field artillery is one of the oldest and
6 most celebrated of the Army's combat arms.

7 (2) The field artillery was critical to American
8 success in the "War to end all Wars," World War

9 I.

1 (3) The field artillery also proved to be a deci-
2 sive factor during World War II, helping the United
3 States achieve victories in Europe, Africa, and the
4 Pacific. General George S. Patton Jr. remarked, “I
5 do not need to tell you who won the war. You know
6 the artillery did.”

7 (4) The field artillery continued to play a role
8 in military actions in Korea, Vietnam, and the Per-
9 sian Gulf and it remains critical to today’s military
10 efforts.

11 (5) Despite the past heroic efforts of the mem-
12 bers of the Army who served in the field artillery,
13 there is no medal specifically recognizing the con-
14 tribution of field artillerymen.

15 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMBAT ARTILLERY MEDAL.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 357 of title 10, United
17 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
18 lowing new section:

19 **“§ 3757. Combat artillery medal**

20 “(a) The Secretary of the Army, in accordance with
21 criteria established by the Secretary, shall issue a combat
22 artillery medal of appropriate design with accompanying
23 ribbon to each person who, while a member of the Army
24 in the artillery branch, participated in combat after April
25 5, 1917.

1 “(b) In the case of persons who, while a member of
2 the Army in the artillery branch, participated in combat
3 after April 5, 1917, and before the date of the enactment
4 of this section, the Secretary shall issue the medal de-
5 scribed in subsection (a)—

6 “(1) to each such person who is known to the
7 Secretary before such date; and

8 “(2) to each such person with respect to whom
9 an application for the issuance of such medal is
10 made to the Secretary after such date in such man-
11 ner, and within such time period, as the Secretary
12 may require.”.

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

“3757. Combat artillery medal.”.

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