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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McNULTY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Veterans’ Affairs

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 “Gold Star Parents An-
5 nuity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL PENSION FOR GOLD STAR PARENTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—(1) Chapter 15 of title 38, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing new subchapter:

5 “SUBCHAPTER V—SPECIAL PENSION FOR GOLD
6 STAR PARENTS

7 “§ 1571. Gold Star parents

8 “(a) The Secretary shall pay monthly to each person
9 who has received a Gold Star lapel pin under section 1126
10 of title 10 as a parent of a person who died in a manner
11 described in subsection (a) of that section a special pen-
12 sion in an amount determined under subsection (b).

13 “(b) The amount of special pension payable under
14 this section with respect to the death of any person shall
15 be \$125 per month. In any case in which there is more
16 than one parent eligible for special pension under this sec-
17 tion with respect to the death of a person, the Secretary
18 shall divide the payment equally among those eligible par-
19 ents.

20 “(c) The receipt of special pension shall not deprive
21 any person of any other pension or other benefit, right,
22 or privilege to which such person is or may hereafter be
23 entitled under any existing or subsequent law. Special pen-
24 sion shall be paid in addition to all other payments under
25 laws of the United States.

1 “(d) Special pension shall not be subject to any at-
2 tachment, execution, levy, tax lien, or detention under any
3 process whatever.

4 “(e) For purposes of this section, the term ‘parent’
5 has the meaning provided in section 1126(d)(2) of title
6 10.”.

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

“SUBCHAPTER V—SPECIAL PENSION FOR GOLD STAR PARENTS

“1571. Gold Star parents.”.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 1571 of title 38,
10 United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall take
11 effect on the first day of the first fiscal year beginning
12 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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