

108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5271

To direct the Secretary of Defense to establish and award a decoration, to be known as the “Coalition of the Willing Medal”, to members of the military services of nations participating with the United States in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 7, 2004

Mr. SHIMKUS (for himself and Mr. LAMPSON) 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. COALITION OF THE WILLING MEDAL.**

4 (a) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Defense shall
5 establish and award a decoration to be known as the “Coa-
6 lition of the Willing Medal”. The medal shall be awarded,
7 under procedures and criteria to be prescribed by the Sec-

1 retary, to members of the military services of nations par-
2 ticipating with the United States in Operation Enduring
3 Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, for those mem-
4 bers who participated in either of those operations.

5 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—The Secretary shall establish the
6 criteria for award of the Coalition of the Willing Medal
7 to members of the military services of foreign nations to
8 be as similar as practicable as the criteria for award of
9 a United States campaign medal to members of the United
10 States Armed Forces who participate in Operation Endur-
11 ing Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

12 (c) APPLICATIONS; POSTHUMOUS AWARDS.—The
13 Secretary shall establish procedures for the submission to
14 the Secretary of applications for the Coalition of the Will-
15 ing Medal and shall provide for posthumous award of such
16 medal to the personal representative of any person eligible
17 for the medal who is deceased.

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