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H. R. 595

To provide compensation for certain World War II veterans who survived the Bataan Death March and were held as prisoners of war by the Japanese.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MICA 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Samuel B. Moody Ba-
5 taan Death March Compensation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PAYMENT TO WORLD WAR II VETERANS WHO SUR-**
7 **VIVED BATAAN DEATH MARCH.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the military de-
9 partment concerned shall pay, upon request, to an indi-

1 individual described in subsection (b) the amount determined
2 with respect to that individual under subsection (c).

3 (b) COVERED INDIVIDUALS.—A payment under sub-
4 section (a) shall be made to any individual who as a mem-
5 ber of the Armed Forces during World War II—

6 (1) was captured on the peninsula of Bataan or
7 island of Corregidor in the territory of the Phil-
8ippines by Japanese forces; and

9 (2) participated in and survived the Bataan
10 Death March.

11 (c) AMOUNT TO BE PAID.—The amount of a pay-
12 ment under subsection (a) to an individual shall be \$4 for
13 each day during which the individual was held in captivity
14 by Japanese forces during World War II, compounded an-
15 nually at a 3 percent annual rate of interest.

16 (d) PAYMENT TO SURVIVING SPOUSE.—In the case
17 of an individual described in subsection (b) who is de-
18 ceased and who has an unremarried surviving spouse, pay-
19 ment under this section with respect to that individual
20 shall be made to the unremarried surviving spouse. If
21 there is no unremarried surviving spouse, no payment
22 shall be made under this section with respect to that indi-
23 vidual.

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