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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 28, 2004

Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. SMITH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. AUTHORITY FOR AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF**  
2 **HONOR TO REX T. BARBER FOR VALOR DUR-**  
3 **ING WORLD WAR II.**

4 (a) WAIVER OF TIME LIMITATIONS.—Notwith-  
5 standing the time limitations in section 3744 of title 10,  
6 United States Code, or any other time limitation applica-  
7 ble with respect to the awarding of certain medals to per-  
8 sons who served in the Air Force, the President is author-  
9 ized and requested to award the Medal of Honor post-  
10 humously under section 3741 of that title to Colonel (re-  
11 tired) Rex T. Barber, United States Air Force, of  
12 Terrebonne, Oregon, for the acts of valor referred to in  
13 subsection (b).

14 (b) ACTION DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor referred  
15 to in subsection (a) are the conspicuous acts of gallantry  
16 and intrepidity of Rex T. Barber at the risk of his life  
17 and above and beyond the call of duty on April 18, 1943,  
18 while serving as a first lieutenant in the 339th Fighter  
19 Squadron of the South Pacific Air Forces, Army Air  
20 Corps, in successfully attacking and shooting down the  
21 enemy bomber aircraft transporting Admiral Isoroku  
22 Yamamoto, the Commander in Chief of the Combined  
23 Japanese Fleet and architect of Japan's attack on Pearl  
24 Harbor.

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