

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2674

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 26, 2005

Mr. HOLDEN (for himself and Mr. POMEROY) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. AUTHORITY FOR AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF**
2 **HONOR TO RICHARD L. ETCHBERGER, FOR**
3 **ACTS OF VALOR DURING VIETNAM ERA.**

4 (a) WAIVER OF TIME LIMITATIONS.—Notwith-
5 standing the time limitations specified in section 8744(b)
6 of title 10, United States Code, or any other time limita-
7 tion with respect to the awarding of certain medals to per-
8 sons who served in the Air Force, the President may
9 award the Medal of Honor posthumously under section
10 8741 of that title to Richard L. Etchberger, of Hamburg,
11 Pennsylvania, for the acts of valor described in subsection
12 (b).

13 (b) ACTION DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor referred
14 to in subsection (a) are the actions of Air Force Chief
15 Master Sergeant Richard L. Etchberger, on March 11,
16 1968, while on a secret mission manning a radar station
17 in Laos in fighting off attackers armed with M-16s and
18 then, while under enemy fire, loading three wounded col-
19 leagues into a helicopter hoist, in action then resulting in
20 his own death from hostile fire when finally himself being
21 hoisted by helicopter.

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