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S. 2785

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 11, 2006

Mrs. CLINTON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 of 2006”.

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

7 (a) SPECIAL PENSION.—

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

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

6 “§ 1571. **Gold Star parents**

7 “(a) The Secretary shall pay monthly to each person
8 who has received a gold star lapel button under section
9 1126 of title 10 as a parent of a person who died in a
10 manner described in subsection (a) of that section a spe-
11 cial pension in an amount determined under subsection
12 (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 under this section
21 shall not deprive any person of any other pension or other
22 benefit, right, or privilege to which such person is or may
23 hereafter be entitled under any existing or subsequent law.
24 Special pension under this section shall be paid in addition
25 to all other payments under laws of the United States.

1 “(d) Special pension under this section shall not be
 2 subject to any attachment, execution, levy, tax lien, or de-
 3 tention under any 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) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
 8 tions at the beginning of chapter 15 of such title is
 9 amended by adding at the end the following:

“SUBCHAPTER V—SPECIAL PENSION FOR GOLD STAR PARENTS

“1571. Gold Star parents.”.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 1571 of title 38,
 11 United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall take
 12 effect on October 1, 2006.

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