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H. R. 1137

To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase to \$2,000 the amount of the Medal of Honor special pension under that title and to provide for payment of that pension to the surviving spouse of a deceased Medal of Honor recipient.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 2007

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. MICHAUD, and Mr. MILLER of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was 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. MEDAL OF HONOR SPECIAL PENSION.**

4 (a) INCREASE IN RATE OF SPECIAL PENSION.—Sub-
5 section (a) of section 1562 of title 38, United States Code,
6 is amended by striking “\$1,000” and inserting “\$2,000”.

7 (b) SPECIAL PENSION FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES.—

1 (1) SURVIVING SPOUSE BENEFIT.—Such sub-
2 section is further amended—

3 (A) by inserting “(1)” after “(a)”; and

4 (B) by adding at the end the following new
5 paragraph:

6 “(2) The Secretary shall pay special pension under
7 this section to the surviving spouse of a person who was
8 awarded a Medal of Honor as described in section 1560(b)
9 of this title. However, no special pension shall be paid to
10 a surviving spouse of a person under this section unless
11 such surviving spouse was married to such person—

12 “(A) for one year or more; or

13 “(B) for any period of time if a child was born
14 of the marriage, or was born to them before the
15 marriage.”.

16 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

17 (A) Subsection (d) of such section is
18 amended by inserting “or married to more than
19 one person who has been awarded the medal of
20 honor,” after “honor,”.

21 (B) Subsection (f)(1) of such section is
22 amended by striking “this section” and insert-
23 ing “subsection (a)(1)”.

1 (C) Section 103(d)(5) of such title is
2 amended by adding at the end the following
3 new subparagraph:

4 “(E) Section 1562(a)(2), relating to Medal of
5 Honor special pension.”.

6 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
7 this section shall apply with respect to payment of pension
8 under section 1562 of title 38, United States Code, for
9 months beginning after the date of the enactment of this
10 Act.

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