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H. R. 1532

To amend title 10, United States Code, to eliminate the statute of limitations on the award of the congressional medal of honor.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SESTAK 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. ELIMINATION OF STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ON**
4 **AWARD OF CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF**
5 **HONOR.**

6 (a) ARMY.—Section 3744 of title 10, United States
7 Code, is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “medal of
9 honor,”;

1 (2) in subsection (d), by striking “medal of
2 honor,”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
4 section:

5 “(e) No medal of honor or device in place thereof may
6 be awarded to a person unless it appears from records of
7 the Department of the Army that the person is entitled
8 to the award.”.

9 (b) NAVY AND MARINE CORPS.—

10 (1) LIMITATIONS OF TIME.—Section 6248 of
11 such title is amended—

12 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “medal
13 of honor,”; and

14 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “medal
15 of honor,”.

16 (2) POSTHUMOUS AWARDS.—Section 6250 of
17 such title is amended—

18 (A) by inserting “(a) AWARD AUTHOR-
19 IZED; TIME LIMITATION.—” before “If”; and

20 (B) by adding at the end the following new
21 subsection:

22 “(b) EXCEPTION FOR MEDAL OF HONOR.—The time
23 limitation specified in subsection (a) does not apply in the
24 case of the posthumous award of the medal of honor.”.

1 (c) AIR FORCE.—Section 8744 of such title is amend-
2 ed—

3 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “medal of
4 honor,”;

5 (2) in subsection (d), by striking “medal of
6 honor,”; and

7 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
8 section:

9 “(e) No medal of honor or device in place thereof may
10 be awarded to a person unless it appears from records of
11 the Department of the Air Force that the person is enti-
12 tled to the award.”.

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