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# H. R. 423

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 2009

Mr. MICA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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 “Samuel B. Moody Ba-  
5       taan Death March Compensation Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. PAYMENT TO WORLD WAR II VETERANS WHO SUR-**  
7       **VIVED BATAAN DEATH MARCH.**

8       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the military de-  
9       partment concerned shall pay, upon request, to an indi-

1   vidual described in subsection (b) the amount determined  
2   with respect to that individual under subsection (c).

3       (b) COVERED INDIVIDUALS.—A payment under sub-  
4   section (a) shall be made to any individual who as a mem-  
5   ber of the Armed Forces during World War II—

6           (1) was captured on the peninsula of Bataan or  
7       island of Corregidor in the territory of the Phil-  
8       ippines by Japanese forces; and

9           (2) participated in and survived the Bataan  
10   Death March.

11       (c) AMOUNT TO BE PAID.—The amount of a pay-  
12   ment under subsection (a) to an individual shall be \$4 for  
13   each day during which the individual was held in captivity  
14   by Japanese forces during World War II, compounded an-  
15   nually at a 3 percent annual rate of interest.

16       (d) PAYMENT TO SURVIVORS.—In the case of an indi-  
17   vidual described in subsection (b) who is deceased, pay-  
18   ment under this section with respect to that individual  
19   shall be made to that individual's nearest surviving rel-  
20   ative, as determined by the Secretary concerned.

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