111TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. R. 666

To amend title 10, United States Code, to require the establishment of a searchable database containing the names and citations of members of the Armed Forces, members of the United States merchant marine, and civilians affiliated with the Armed Forces who have been awarded the medal of honor or any other medal authorized by Congress for the Armed Forces, the United States merchant marine, or affiliated civilians.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 23, 2009

Mr. Salazar (for himself, Mr. Patrick J. Murphy of Pennsylvania, Mr. Moore of Kansas, Mr. Hall of New York, Ms. Bordallo, Mrs. Maloney, Mr. Rodriguez, Mr. Brady of Pennsylvania, Mr. Moran of Virginia, Mr. Murtha, Ms. Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, Ms. Shea-Porter, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Hare, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Linder, Ms. Markey of Colorado, Mr. Sestak, Mr. Cardoza, Mr. McNerney, Mr. Boswell, Mr. Ross, Mr. Costa, Mr. Burton of Indiana, Mr. Rogers of Kentucky, Mr. Perlmutter, and Mr. Kline of Minnesota) 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. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Military Valor Roll
- 5 of Honor Act".

6 SEC. 2. MILITARY VALOR ROLL OF HONOR.

- 7 (a) Establishment.—Chapter 57 of title 10.
- 8 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
- 9 following new section:

10 "§ 1136. Military Valor Roll of Honor

- 11 "(a) Establishment Required.—The Secretary of
- 12 Defense shall establish and maintain a database, to be
- 13 known as the 'Military Valor Roll of Honor', which shall
- 14 contain the names and citations of all members of the
- 15 Armed Forces, members of the United States merchant
- 16 marine (including the Army Transport Service and the
- 17 Naval Transport Service), and civilians affiliated with the
- 18 Armed Forces who have been awarded the medal of honor
- 19 or any other medal authorized by Congress for the Armed
- 20 Forces, the United States merchant marine, or affiliated
- 21 civilians. The Military Valor Roll of Honor shall include
- 22 the names of those members recorded on the 'Army, Navy,
- 23 Air Force, and Coast Guard Medal of Honor Roll' main-
- 24 tained pursuant to section 1560 of title 38.

- 1 "(b) Sources of Information.—The Secretary of
- 2 Defense shall develop the Military Valor Roll of Honor
- 3 using the records of the military departments and such
- 4 other sources of information as the Secretary considers to
- 5 be appropriate and accurate. The Secretary of Homeland
- 6 Security, with respect to the Coast Guard, and the Sec-
- 7 retary of Transportation, with respect to the United
- 8 States merchant marine, shall provide the Secretary of
- 9 Defense with information regarding the names and cita-
- 10 tions of members of the Coast Guard and United States
- 11 merchant marine for inclusion in the Military Valor Roll
- 12 of Honor.
- 13 "(c) Public Availability.—The Military Valor Roll
- 14 of Honor shall be a searchable database and available for
- 15 public inspection.".
- 16 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
- 17 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
- 18 at the end the following new item:

"1136. Military Valor Roll of Honor.".

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