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# H. R. 671

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 26, 2009

Mr. FILNER 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 “In Memory Medal for  
5       Forgotten Veterans Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDAL TO HONOR VETERANS WHO DIED AS A RE-**  
2 **SULT OF THEIR SERVICE IN THE VIETNAM**  
3 **WAR.**

4 (a) MEDAL AUTHORIZED.—There is established a  
5 medal, to be known as the “Jesus (Chuchi) Salgado  
6 Medal”, to be issued by the Secretary of Defense for each  
7 veteran of the Vietnam War who died after serving in the  
8 war, but whose death is determined by the Secretary of  
9 Defense to be a direct result of that service, and whose  
10 name is not eligible for placement on the Vietnam Vet-  
11 erans Memorial authorized under Public Law 96–297 (16  
12 U.S.C. 431 note).

13 (b) APPLICATION AND DESIGN.—The Jesus (Chuchi)  
14 Salgado Medal shall be issued upon receipt by the Sec-  
15 retary of Defense of an application for such medal, sub-  
16 mitted in accordance with such regulations as the Sec-  
17 retary prescribes. The medal shall be of an appropriate  
18 design approved by the Secretary.

19 (c) ISSUANCE TO REPRESENTATIVE OF DE-  
20 CEASED.—A Jesus (Chuchi) Salgado Medal issued for a  
21 veteran described in subsection (a) shall be issued to the  
22 next-of-kin or representative of such veteran, as des-  
23 ignated by the Secretary of Defense.

24 (d) ASSISTANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF VET-  
25 ERANS AFFAIRS.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
26 make available to the Secretary of Defense such records,

1 and otherwise provide such assistance, as the Secretary  
2 of Defense may require for purposes of this section.

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