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To expand retroactive eligibility of the Army Combat Action Badge to include members of the Army who participated in combat during which they personally engaged, or were personally engaged by, the enemy at any time on or after December 7, 1941.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 2009

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida 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. RETROACTIVE AWARD OF ARMY COMBAT AC-**
4 **TION BADGE.**

5 (a) **AUTHORITY TO AWARD.**—The Secretary of the
6 Army may award the Army Combat Action Badge (estab-
7 lished by order of the Secretary of the Army through

1 Headquarters, Department of the Army Letter 600–05–
2 1, dated June 3, 2005) to a person who, while a member
3 of the Army, participated in combat during which the per-
4 son personally engaged, or was personally engaged by, the
5 enemy at any time during the period beginning on Decem-
6 ber 7, 1941, and ending on September 18, 2001 (the date
7 of the otherwise applicable limitation on retroactivity for
8 the award of such decoration), if the Secretary determines
9 that the person has not been previously recognized in an
10 appropriate manner for such participation.

11 (b) PROCUREMENT OF BADGE.—The Secretary of
12 the Army may make arrangements with suppliers of the
13 Army Combat Action Badge so that eligible recipients of
14 the Army Combat Action Badge pursuant to subsection
15 (a) may procure the badge directly from suppliers, thereby
16 eliminating or at least substantially reducing administra-
17 tive costs for the Army to carry out this section.

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