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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.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 2009

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

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## A BILL

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statute of limitations on the award of the congressional  
medal of honor.

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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