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S. 2743

To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the award of a military service medal to members of the Armed Forces who served honorably during the Cold War, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 5, 2009

Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. WEBB, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Ms. LANDRIEU) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Cold War Service
5 Medal Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. COLD WAR SERVICE MEDAL.**

7 (a) MEDAL AUTHORIZED.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 57 of title 10,
2 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
3 end the following new section:

4 **“§ 1136. Cold War Service Medal**

5 “(a) MEDAL AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary con-
6 cerned may issue a service medal, to be known as the ‘Cold
7 War Service Medal’, to persons eligible to receive the
8 medal under subsection (c).

9 “(b) DESIGN.—The Cold War Service Medal shall be
10 of an appropriate design approved by the Secretary of De-
11 fense, with ribbons, lapel pins, and other appurtenances.

12 “(c) ELIGIBLE PERSONS.—A person eligible to be
13 issued the Cold War Service Medal is any person—

14 “(1) who—

15 “(A) served on active duty in the Armed
16 Forces for not less than 24 consecutive months
17 during the Cold War;

18 “(B) was deployed as a member of the
19 Armed Forces outside the continental United
20 States for a period of at least 30 days during
21 the Cold War; or

22 “(C) performed such other service in the
23 Armed Forces during the Cold War as the Sec-
24 retary of Defense may prescribe for purposes of
25 this section; and

1 “(2) who, if discharged or released from the
2 Armed Forces, was so discharged or released under
3 honorable conditions after service in the armed
4 forces characterized as honorable.

5 “(d) ONE MEDAL AUTHORIZED.—Not more than one
6 Cold War Service Medal may be issued to any person.

7 “(e) ISSUANCE TO REPRESENTATIVE OF DE-
8 CEASED.—If a person described in subsection (c) dies be-
9 fore being issued the Cold War Service Medal, the medal
10 may be issued to the person’s representative, as designated
11 by the Secretary concerned.

12 “(f) REPLACEMENT.—Under regulations prescribed
13 by the Secretary concerned, a Cold War Service Medal
14 that is lost, destroyed, or rendered unfit for use without
15 fault or neglect on the part of the person to whom it was
16 issued may be replaced without charge.

17 “(g) REGULATIONS.—The issuance of a Cold War
18 Service Medal shall be subject to such regulations as the
19 Secretaries concerned shall prescribe for purposes of this
20 section. The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that any
21 regulations prescribed under this subsection are uniform
22 to the extent practicable.

23 “(h) COLD WAR DEFINED.—In this section, the term
24 ‘Cold War’ means the period beginning on September 2,
25 1945, and ending on December 26, 1991.”.

1 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
2 tions at the beginning of chapter 57 of such title is
3 amended by adding at the end the following new
4 item:

“1136. Cold War Service Medal.”.

5 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
6 gress that the Secretary of Defense should take appro-
7 priate actions to expedite—

8 (1) the design of the Cold War Service Medal
9 provided for by section 1136 of title 10, United
10 States Code (as added by subsection (a)); and

11 (2) the establishment and implementation of
12 mechanisms to facilitate the issuance of the Cold
13 War Service Medal to persons eligible for the
14 issuance of the medal under such section.

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