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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 31, 2013

Ms. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY FOR INTERMENT IN NATIONAL**
2 **CEMETERIES FOR CERTAIN SERVICE IN THE**
3 **KINGDOM OF LAOS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2402(a) of title 38,
5 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
6 following new paragraph:

7 “(10) Any individual who—

8 “(A) the Secretary determines served in
9 combat support of the Armed Forces (including
10 combat support involving any covert action of
11 the United States, as defined in section 503(e)
12 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50
13 U.S.C. 413b)) in the Kingdom of Laos during
14 the period beginning on February 28, 1961,
15 and ending on May 15, 1975; and

16 “(B) at the time of the individual’s death
17 was a citizen of the United States or an alien
18 lawfully admitted for permanent residence in
19 the United States.”.

20 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
21 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to an individual
22 who dies on or after the date of the enactment of this
23 Act.

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