

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3419

To amend the Veterans' Oral History Project Act to allow the collection of video and audio recordings of biographical histories by immediate family members of members of the Armed Forces who died as a result of their service during a period of war, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. MORAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

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 “Gold Star Families
5 Voices Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. COLLECTION OF VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDINGS**
 2 **OF BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORIES BY IMME-**
 3 **DIATE FAMILY MEMBERS OF MEMBERS OF**
 4 **THE ARMED FORCES WHO DIED AS A RESULT**
 5 **OF THEIR SERVICE DURING A PERIOD OF**
 6 **WAR.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 3(a) of
 8 the Veterans’ Oral History Project Act (20 U.S.C.
 9 2142(a)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

10 “(1) to collect video and audio recordings of—

11 “(A) personal histories and testimonials of
 12 veterans of the Armed Forces who served dur-
 13 ing a period of war; and

14 “(B) biographical histories by immediate
 15 family members of members of the Armed
 16 Forces who became missing in action or died as
 17 a result of their service during a period of
 18 war;”.

19 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 3 of such
 20 Act (20 U.S.C. 2142) is further amended by adding at
 21 the end the following new subsection:

22 “(d) IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER DEFINED.—For
 23 purposes of subsection (a), the term ‘immediate family
 24 member’ means a parent, spouse, sibling, or child.”.