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S. 3423

To provide for the issuance of a “Gold Star Families Forever Stamp” to honor the sacrifices of families who have lost a loved one who was a member of the Armed Forces in combat.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mrs. ERNST) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 Forever Stamp Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

1 (1) Gold Star mothers and fathers and families
 2 are true national heroes, who deserve our deepest
 3 gratitude and respect; and

4 (2) the extraordinary contribution of Gold Star
 5 mothers and fathers and families is beyond measure,
 6 not merely for their loss, but the comfort they self-
 7 lessly provide others and their model of service and
 8 sacrifice.

9 **SEC. 3. GOLD STAR FAMILIES FOREVER STAMP.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to continue to honor the
 11 sacrifices of families who have lost a loved one who was
 12 a member of the Armed Forces in combat, the Postmaster
 13 General shall provide for the issuance of a forever stamp
 14 suitable for that purpose.

15 (b) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this Act, the term
 16 “forever stamp” means a definitive stamp which meets the
 17 postage required for first-class mail up to one ounce in
 18 weight, and which retains full validity for that purpose
 19 even if the rate of that postage is later increased.

20 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The stamp described in sub-
 21 section (a) shall be issued beginning as soon as practicable
 22 after the date of enactment of this Act and shall not there-
 23 after be discontinued.

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