

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 406

To amend title 10, United States Code, to facilitate the replacement of military decorations for relatives of deceased members of the Armed Forces.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 10, 2017

Mr. KIND (for himself, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. JONES, and Mr. BYRNE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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 “Honoring our Heroes  
5       Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. REPLACEMENT OF MILITARY DECORATIONS.**

7       Section 1135 of title 10, United States Code, is  
8       amended—

1           (1) in subsection (a), by striking “or the imme-  
2       diate next of kin” and all that follows through the  
3       period at the end and inserting the following: “, the  
4       immediate next of kin of a deceased recipient, or, if  
5       there is no living immediate next of kin, a covered  
6       relative.”; and

7           (2) by amending subsection (c) to read as fol-  
8       lows:

9       “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10           “(1) The term ‘covered relative’ means a rel-  
11       ative of a deceased recipient of a military decoration  
12       who is—

13               “(A) not the immediate next of kin; and

14               “(B) related within the fourth degree of  
15       consanguinity to the deceased recipient, or a  
16       more distant relative if determined appropriate  
17       by the Secretary concerned.

18           “(2) The term ‘decoration’ means any decora-  
19       tion or award (other than the medal of honor) that  
20       may be presented or awarded by the President or  
21       the Secretary concerned to a member of the armed  
22       forces.”.

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