116TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2555

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2019

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. CRAWFORD, and Mrs. LEE of Nevada) 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,*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Never Forgotten Korean War POW Act".

SEC. 2. RECOGNITION OF ENTIRE PERIOD SPENT IN A CAP-TURED OR MISSING-IN-ACTION STATUS DUR-ING THE KOREAN WAR FOR RECEIPT OF COMBAT PAY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 704(b) of the Combat Duty Pay Act of 1952 (title VII of Department of Defense Appropriation Act, 1953; 66 Stat. 539) is amended by striking "for not more than three months thereafter" and inserting "for each month thereafter".

(b) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENT.—

(1) COVERED PERSONS.—Section 704(b) of the Combat Duty Pay Act of 1952, as amended by subsection (a), applies only with respect to a former member of the uniformed services who received combat pay under such section and who is alive as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) COMBAT PAY AMOUNT.—In determining the actual amount to be paid to a former member of the uniformed services covered by paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense shall increase the amount determined under section 704(b) of the Combat Duty

1   Pay Act of 1952, as amended by subsection (a),

2   using an appropriate inflation adjustment.

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