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# H. R. 688

To provide for the issuance of a PFC Garfield M. Langhorn Memorial Semipostal Stamp to Benefit our Veterans, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 17, 2019

Mr. ZELDIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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; FINDINGS.**

4       (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5       “PFC Garfield M. Langhorn Memorial Semipostal Stamp  
6       to Benefit our Veterans Act of 2019”.

7       (b) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

1           (1) PFC Garfield M. Langhorn was deployed to  
2 Vietnam as a private first class and radio operator  
3 with Troop C, 7th Squadron (Airmobile), 17th Cav-  
4 alry Regiment, 1st Aviation Brigade.

5           (2) On January 15, 1969, PFC Langhorn and  
6 his unit responded to a downed American helicopter  
7 near Plei Djereng in Pleiku Province, South Viet-  
8 nam. After PFC Langhorn and his unit responded  
9 to the downed helicopter, they were attacked by en-  
10 trenched North Vietnamese forces.

11          (3) During the battle, PFC Langhorn threw  
12 himself on an active enemy hand grenade that had  
13 been thrown near several wounded soldiers. PFC  
14 Langhorn was killed during the explosion but saved  
15 the lives of the rest of his platoon.

16          (4) On April 7, 1970, the President of the  
17 United States of America, in the name of Congress,  
18 awarded PFC Garfield Langhorn the Congressional  
19 Medal of Honor posthumously to commemorate his  
20 conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at  
21 the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty.

1 **SEC. 2. PFC GARFIELD M. LANGHORN MEMORIAL**  
2 **SEMIPOSTAL STAMP TO BENEFIT OUR VET-**  
3 **ERANS.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—In order to afford a convenient  
5 way for members of the public to contribute to funding  
6 for the Supportive Services for Veteran Families program  
7 of the Department of Veterans Affairs under section 2044  
8 of title 38, United States Code, the United States Postal  
9 Service shall issue a semipostal stamp (referred to in this  
10 Act as the “PFC Garfield M. Langhorn Memorial  
11 Semipostal Stamp to Benefit our Veterans”) in accord-  
12 ance with the provisions of this section.

13 (b) **COST.**—The PFC Garfield M. Langhorn Memo-  
14 rial Semipostal Stamp to Benefit our Veterans shall be  
15 offered at a cost equal to the cost of mailing a letter  
16 weighing 1 ounce or less at the nonautomation single-piece  
17 first-ounce letter rate, in effect at the time of purchase,  
18 plus a differential of not less than 25 percent.

19 (c) **OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**—The issuance  
20 and sale of the PFC Garfield M. Langhorn Memorial  
21 Semipostal Stamp to Benefit our Veterans shall be gov-  
22 erned by the provisions of section 416 of title 39, United  
23 States Code, and regulations issued under such section,  
24 subject to subsection (b) and the following:

25 (1) **DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.**—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—All amounts becoming  
2 available from the sale of the PFC Garfield M.  
3 Langhorn Memorial Semipostal Stamp to Ben-  
4 efit our Veterans shall be transferred to the De-  
5 partment of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of  
6 funding the operations of the program de-  
7 scribed in subsection (a), through payments  
8 which shall be made at least twice a year.

9 (B) PROCEEDS NOT TO BE OFFSET.—In  
10 accordance with section 416(d)(4) of such title  
11 39, amounts becoming available from the sale  
12 of the PFC Garfield M. Langhorn Memorial  
13 Semipostal Stamp to Benefit our Veterans (as  
14 so determined) shall not be taken into account  
15 in any decision relating to the level of appro-  
16 priations or other Federal funding to be fur-  
17 nished in any year to the program described in  
18 subsection (a) or to the Department of Vet-  
19 erans Affairs.

20 (2) DURATION.—The PFC Garfield M.  
21 Langhorn Semipostal Stamp to Benefit our Veterans  
22 shall be made available to the public for a period of  
23 at least 5 years, beginning no later than 12 months  
24 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

1           (3) STAMP DEPICTIONS.—Stamps issued under  
2           this Act shall depict PFC Garfield M. Langhorn.

3           (4) LIMITATION.—The PFC Garfield M.  
4           Langhorn Semipostal Stamp to Benefit our Veterans  
5           shall not be subject to, or taken into account for  
6           purposes of applying, any limitation under section  
7           416(e)(1)(C) of such title 39.

8           (d) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this Act, the term  
9           “semipostal stamp” refers to a stamp described in section  
10          416(a)(1) of title 39, United States Code.

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