

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8825

To authorize the Maritime Administrator to use certain appropriated funds to purchase duplicate medals authorized under Merchant Mariners of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2020, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 30, 2020

Mr. GARAMENDI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To authorize the Maritime Administrator to use certain appropriated funds to purchase duplicate medals authorized under Merchant Mariners of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2020, and for other purposes.

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. AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE DUPLICATE**
4 **MEDALS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation,
6 acting through the Administrator, may use funds appro-
7 priated for the Maritime Administration to purchase du-
8 plicate medals authorized under the Merchant Mariners

1 of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2020
2 (Public Law 116–125) and provide such medals to eligible
3 individuals who engaged in qualified service who submit
4 an application under subsection (b) and were United
5 States merchant mariners of World War II.

6 (b) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a medal
7 described in subsection (a), an eligible individual who en-
8 gaged in qualified service shall submit to the Adminis-
9 trator an application containing such information and as-
10 surances as the Administrator may require.

11 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

12 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
13 trator” means the Maritime Administrator.

14 (2) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL WHO ENGAGED IN
15 QUALIFIED SERVICE.—The term “eligible individual
16 who engaged in qualified service” means an indi-
17 vidual who, between December 7, 1941, and Decem-
18 ber 31, 1946—

19 (A) was a member of the United States
20 merchant marine, including the Army Trans-
21 port Service and the Navy Transport Service,
22 serving as a crewmember of a vessel that was—

23 (i) operated by the War Shipping Ad-
24 ministration, the Office of Defense Trans-

1 portation, or an agent of such depart-
2 ments;

3 (ii) operated in waters other than in-
4 land waters, the Great Lakes, and other
5 lakes, bays, or harbors of the United
6 States;

7 (iii) under contract or charter to, or
8 property of, the Government of the United
9 States; and

10 (iv) serving in the Armed Forces; and

11 (B) while so serving, was licensed or other-
12 wise documented for service as a crewmember
13 of such a vessel by an officer or employee of the
14 United States authorized to license or document
15 the person for such service.

○