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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. FALLIN (for herself, Mr. TURNER, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. BOREN, Mr. McCOTTER, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. COLE, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. McKEON, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, Mr. FLEMING, and Mr. HUNTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “U.S. Military Medals
5 and Insignia Pride and Patriotism Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO BUY MILITARY DECORATIONS,**
2 **RIBBONS, BADGES, MEDALS, INSIGNIA, AND**
3 **OTHER UNIFORM ACCOUTERMENTS PRO-**
4 **DUCED IN THE UNITED STATES.**

5 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Subchapter III of chapter 147
6 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at
7 the end the following new section:

8 **“§ 2495c. Requirement to buy military decorations**
9 **and other uniform accouterments from**
10 **American sources; exceptions**

11 “(a) BUY-AMERICAN REQUIREMENT.—A military ex-
12 change store or other nonappropriated fund instrumen-
13 tality of the Department of Defense may not purchase for
14 resale any military decorations, ribbons, badges, medals,
15 insignia, and other uniform accouterments that are not
16 produced in the United States. Competitive procedures
17 shall be used in selecting the United States producer of
18 the decorations.

19 “(b) HERALDIC QUALITY CONTROL.—No certificate
20 of authority (contained in part 507 of title 32, Code of
21 Federal Regulations) for the manufacture and sale of any
22 item reference in subsection (a) by the Institute of Her-
23 aldry, the Navy Clothing and Textile Research Facility,
24 or the Marine Corps Combat Equipment and Support Sys-
25 tems for quality control and specifications purposes shall

1 be permitted unless these items are from domestic mate-
 2 rial manufactured in the United States.

3 “(c) EXCEPTION.—Subsections (a) and (b) do not
 4 apply to the extent that the Secretary of Defense deter-
 5 mines that a satisfactory quality and sufficient quantity
 6 of an item covered by subsection (a) and produced in the
 7 United States cannot be procured.

8 “(d) UNITED STATES DEFINED.—In this section, the
 9 term ‘United States’ includes the Commonwealth of Puer-
 10 to Rico, Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, the Com-
 11 monwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American
 12 Samoa, and any other territory or possession of the United
 13 States.”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 15 at the beginning of such subchapter is amended by adding
 16 at the end the following new item:

“2495c. Requirement to buy military decorations and other uniform
 accouterments from American sources; exceptions.”.

17 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
 18 2533a(b)(1) of such title is amended—

19 (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “or” at
 20 the end;

21 (2) in subparagraph (E), by striking the period
 22 at the end and inserting “; or”; and

23 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 24 paragraph:

1 “(F) military decorations, ribbons, badges,
2 medals, insignia, and other uniform
3 accouterments.”.

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