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H. R. 3496

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 2009

Mr. LATTA 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. AUTHORIZATION AND REQUEST FOR AWARD**

4 **OF MEDAL OF HONOR TO ARTHUR JIBILIAN**

5 **FOR ACTS OF VALOR DURING WORLD WAR II.**

6 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding the time lim-
7 itations specified in sections 6248 and 6250 of title 10,

1 United States Code, or any other time limitation with re-
2 spect to the awarding of certain medals to persons who
3 served in the Armed Forces, the President is authorized
4 and requested to award the Medal of Honor under section
5 6241 of such title to Arthur Jibilian for the acts of valor
6 described in subsection (b) during World War II while a
7 member of the United States Navy and the Office of Stra-
8 tegic Services.

9 (b) ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor
10 referred to in subsection (a) are the actions of Arthur
11 Jibilian during the successful 1944 operation by the Office
12 of Strategic Services, code-named “Operation Halyard”,
13 to protect and facilitate in the rescue of over 500 allied
14 airmen behind enemy lines.

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