

111TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 394

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to increase the amount of the Medal of Honor special pension provided under that title by up to \$1,000.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 2009

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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. AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-**
4 **FAIRS TO INCREASE MEDAL OF HONOR SPE-**
5 **CIAL PENSION.**

6 (a) AUTHORITY TO INCREASE RATE OF SPECIAL
7 PENSION.—Subsection (a) of section 1562 of title 38,
8 United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) by inserting “(1)” after “(a)”; and

2 (2) by adding at the end the following new
3 paragraph:

4 “(2)(A) Subject to the availability of appropriations
5 for this purpose in advance in an appropriations Act, the
6 Secretary may increase the rate of the special pension oth-
7 erwise in effect under paragraph (1) by not more than
8 \$1,000.

9 “(B) The Secretary may not increase the rate of a
10 special pension under subparagraph (A) after the Sec-
11 retary has expended all the funds specifically provided for
12 such purpose in an appropriations Act.

13 “(C) The authority under subparagraph (A) expires
14 on September 30, 2013.”.

15 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (f)(1)
16 of such section is amended by striking “this section” and
17 inserting “subsection (a)(1)”.

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