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To provide for the design, production, and presentation of a Gold Medal of Remembrance to the children of members of the Armed Forces who die while serving on active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, or Operation New Dawn, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 13, 2011

Mr. ROHRBACHER (for himself, Mr. OWENS, and Mr. GIBSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, 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

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Gold Medal of Remem-
3 brance for the Sons and Daughters of Our Fallen Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE RECOGNITION OF CHIL-**
5 **DREN OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES**
6 **WHO DIE WHILE SERVING ON ACTIVE DUTY**
7 **IN CERTAIN MILITARY OPERATIONS.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT AND PRESENTATION OF
9 MEDAL.—Chapter 57 of title 10, United States Code, is
10 amended by inserting after section 1126 the following new
11 section:

12 **“§ 1126a. Gold Medal of Remembrance: eligibility and**
13 **presentation**

14 “(a) ELIGIBILITY AND PRESENTATION.—A medal, to
15 be known as the ‘Gold Medal of Remembrance’, shall be
16 presented to a child of a member of the armed forces, re-
17 gardless of the age of the child, to identify and recognize
18 the child when the member—

19 “(1) dies while serving on active duty in sup-
20 port of a covered military operation; or

21 “(2) dies as a result of wounds, injuries, or ill-
22 ness incurred while serving on active duty in support
23 of a covered military operation.

24 “(b) DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE.—The Gold Medal
25 of Remembrance shall be composed of gold-plate over
26 bronze and shall be of such design and specifications as

1 the Secretary concerned may determine. The Gold Medal
2 of Remembrance is a national medal for purposes of sec-
3 tion 5111 of title 31.

4 “(c) FUNDS FOR PROCUREMENT AND PRESEN-
5 TATION.—The Secretary concerned may authorize the use
6 of appropriated funds to procure Gold Medals of Remem-
7 brance and to provide for their presentation to children
8 of members of the armed forces described in subsection
9 (a).

10 “(d) RELATION TO OTHER PRESENTATIONS.—The
11 child of a member of the armed forces described in sub-
12 section (a) may receive a Gold Medal of Remembrance in
13 addition to a Gold star lapel button under section 1126
14 of this title and a medal presented by the White House
15 Commission on Remembrance.

16 “(e) PRESENTATION CEREMONIES.—It is the sense
17 of Congress that, to the extent practicable, Gold Medals
18 of Remembrance, should be presented to children of mem-
19 bers of the armed forces described in subsection (a) by
20 military commanders in ceremonies recognizing the sup-
21 port and sacrifice of children of members of the armed
22 forces.

23 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) The term ‘child’, with respect to a member
2 of the armed forces described in subsection (a),
3 means—

4 “(A) a legitimate child;

5 “(B) an adopted child;

6 “(C) a stepchild; and

7 “(D) a person who was placed in the home
8 of the member by a placement agency (recog-
9 nized by the Secretary of Defense), or by any
10 other source authorized by State or local law to
11 provide adoption placement, in anticipation of
12 the legal adoption of the person by the member.

13 “(2) The term ‘covered military operation’
14 means—

15 “(A) Operation Enduring Freedom;

16 “(B) Operation Iraqi Freedom; or

17 “(C) Operation New Dawn.

18 “(g) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense shall
19 issue such regulations as may be necessary to carry out
20 this section. The Secretary shall ensure that the regula-
21 tions are uniform for each armed force to the extent prac-
22 ticable.”.

23 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
24 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting

1 after the item relating to section 1126 the following new
2 item:

“1126a. Gold Medal of Remembrance: eligibility and presentation.”.

3 (c) RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.—Section 1126a of
4 title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a),
5 shall apply with respect to deaths of members of the
6 Armed Forces described in such section occurring any
7 time after September 11, 2001.

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