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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 \$500.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. WEST, Mr. MACK, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. JONES, Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. BONNER, Ms. HAYWORTH, Mr. FORBES, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. CARTER, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. BURGESS, and Mr. NEUGEBAUER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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 \$500.

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 “Medal of Honor Sti-
5 pend Increase Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**
2 **TO INCREASE MEDAL OF HONOR SPECIAL**
3 **PENSION.**

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

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

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

10 “(2)(A) Subject to the availability of appropriations
11 for this purpose in advance in an appropriations Act, the
12 Secretary may increase the rate of the special pension oth-
13 erwise in effect under paragraph (1) by not more than
14 \$500.

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

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

21 (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Subsection (f)(1)
22 of such section is amended by striking “this section” and
23 inserting “subsection (a)(1)”.

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