

112TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 540

To direct the Secretary of Defense to issue a medal to honor veterans of the Armed Forces who died after their service in the Vietnam War, but whose deaths were a direct result of their service in the Vietnam War.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 8, 2011

Mr. FILNER 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 “In Memory Medal for
5 Forgotten Veterans Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDAL TO HONOR VETERANS OF THE ARMED**
2 **FORCES WHO DIED AS A RESULT OF THEIR**
3 **SERVICE IN THE VIETNAM WAR.**

4 (a) **MEDAL AUTHORIZED.**—There is established a
5 medal, to be known as the “Jesus (Chuchi) Salgado
6 Medal”, to be issued by the Secretary of Defense to honor
7 each veteran of the Armed Forces—

8 (1) who served in the Vietnam War;

9 (2) who died after serving in the war, but
10 whose death is determined by the Secretary of De-
11 fense to be a direct result of that service; and

12 (3) whose name is not eligible for placement on
13 the memorial wall of the Vietnam Veterans Memo-
14 rial (as defined in section 5(f) of Public Law 96–297
15 (16 U.S.C. 431 note), as added by section 1 of Pub-
16 lic Law 106–214 (114 Stat. 336)).

17 (b) **APPLICATION AND DESIGN.**—The Secretary of
18 Defense shall issue the Jesus (Chuchi) Salgado Medal
19 upon receipt of an application for the medal, submitted
20 in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary pre-
21 scribes. The medal shall be of an appropriate design ap-
22 proved by the Secretary.

23 (c) **ISSUANCE TO REPRESENTATIVE OF DE-**
24 **CEASED.**—The Jesus (Chuchi) Salgado Medal shall be
25 issued to the next-of-kin or representative of a veteran de-

1 scribed in subsection (a), as designated by the Secretary
2 of Defense.

3 (d) ASSISTANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF VET-
4 ERANS AFFAIRS.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
5 make available to the Secretary of Defense such records,
6 and otherwise provide such assistance, as the Secretary
7 of Defense may require for purposes of carrying out this
8 section.

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