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# H. R. 154

To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a Department of Veterans Affairs Medal for Distinguished Public Service to honor veterans who make remarkable and distinguished contributions to their communities.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 2013

Mr. MCINTYRE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDAL**  
4       **FOR DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE.**

5       (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subchapter II of chapter 5 of  
6       title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
7       end the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 533. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDAL**  
2 **FOR DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award a  
4 decoration called the ‘Department of Veterans Affairs  
5 Medal for Distinguished Public Service’ to a veteran de-  
6 scribed in subsection (b).

7 “(b) VETERAN DESCRIBED.—A veteran described in  
8 this subsection is a veteran whom the Secretary deter-  
9 mines has, during the period after the date of the vet-  
10 eran’s discharge or release from the active military, naval,  
11 or air service—

12 “(1) made remarkable and distinguished con-  
13 tributions to the community of the veteran; and

14 “(2) exemplified the virtues of honor, duty, and  
15 commitment to service that originally led the veteran  
16 to service in the Armed Forces.

17 “(c) POSTHUMOUS AWARD.—The Secretary may  
18 award the medal under this section to a veteran described  
19 in subsection (b) who is deceased.

20 “(d) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary may prescribe  
21 regulations to carry out this section.”.

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
23 at the beginning of such chapter of such title is amended

- 1 by inserting after the item relating to section 532 the fol-
- 2 lowing new item:

“533. Department of Veterans Affairs Medal for Distinguished Public Service.”.

