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H. R. 558

To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the award of the Purple Heart to persons wounded in action by friendly fire.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 1993

Mr. PETERSON of Florida 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. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART TO PERSONS**
4 **WOUNDED IN ACTION BY FRIENDLY FIRE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 57 of title 10, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
7 ing new section:

1 **“§ 1129. Purple Heart: treatment of persons wounded**
2 **in action by friendly fire**

3 “(a) For purposes of the award of the Purple Heart,
4 the Secretary concerned shall treat a person described in
5 subsection (b) the same as a person who was wounded in
6 action as the result of an act of an enemy of the United
7 States.

8 “(b) A person described in this subsection is a person
9 who was wounded in action by weapon fire while directly
10 engaged in armed conflict, regardless of the origin of the
11 fire causing the wound.

12 “(c) This section applies to wounds received on or
13 after December 7, 1941.”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
15 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
16 at the end the following new item:

“1129. Purple Heart: treatment of persons wounded in action by friendly fire.”.

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