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H. R. 1458

To provide for the award of the Purple Heart to persons held as prisoners of war before April 25, 1962, on the same basis as persons held as prisoners of war after that date.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 6, 1995

Mr. STUMP (for himself, Mr. MONTGOMERY, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. PARKER, Mr. TRAFICANT, and Mr. BILIRAKIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on National Security

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 WHILE HELD AS PRISONERS OF**
5 **WAR BEFORE APRIL 25, 1962.**

6 (a) AWARD OF PURPLE HEART.—For purposes of
7 the award of the Purple Heart, the Secretary concerned
8 (as defined in section 101 of title 10, United States Code)

1 shall treat a former prisoner of war who was wounded be-
2 fore April 25, 1962, while held as a prisoner of war (or
3 while being taken captive) in the same manner as a former
4 prisoner of war who is wounded on or after that date while
5 held as a prisoner of war (or while being taken captive).

6 (b) STANDARDS FOR AWARD.—An award of the Pur-
7 ple Heart under subsection (a) shall be made in accord-
8 ance with the standards in effect on the date of the enact-
9 ment of this Act for the award of the Purple Heart to
10 persons wounded on or after April 25, 1962.

11 (c) ELIGIBLE FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR.—A per-
12 son shall be considered to be a former prisoner of war
13 for purposes of this section if the person is eligible for
14 the prisoner-of-war medal under section 1128 of title 10,
15 United States Code.

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