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# S. 584

To authorize the award of the Purple Heart to persons who were prisoners of war on or before April 25, 1962.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 21 (legislative day, MARCH 16), 1995

Mr. ROBB (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. FORD, and Mr. KERRY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

To authorize the award of the Purple Heart to persons who were prisoners of war on or before April 25, 1962.

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. AUTHORITY TO AWARD PURPLE HEART.**

4        (a) AUTHORITY TO MAKE AWARD.—(1) Subject to  
5        paragraph (2), the President may award the Purple Heart  
6        to a person described in subsection (b) who was taken  
7        prisoner and held captive before April 25, 1962.

8        (2)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), an  
9        award of the Purple Heart under paragraph (1) may be

1 made only in accordance with the standards in effect on  
2 the date of the enactment of this Act for the award of  
3 the Purple Heart to a person described in subsection (b)  
4 who has been taken prisoner and held captive on or after  
5 April 25, 1962.

6 (B) An award of a Purple Heart may not be made  
7 under paragraph (1) to any person convicted by a court  
8 of competent jurisdiction of rendering assistance to any  
9 enemy of the United States.

10 (b) ELIGIBLE PERSONS.—(1) A person referred to in  
11 subsection (a) is an individual—

12 (A) who is a member of the Armed Forces of  
13 the United States; and

14 (B) who is wounded while being taken prisoner  
15 or held captive—

16 (i) in an action against an enemy of the  
17 United States;

18 (ii) in military operations involving conflict  
19 with an opposing foreign force;

20 (iii) during service with friendly forces en-  
21 gaged in an armed conflict against an opposing  
22 armed force in which the United States is not  
23 a belligerent party;

24 (iv) as the result of an action of any such  
25 enemy or opposing armed force; or

1 (v) as the result of an act of any foreign  
2 hostile force.

3 (2) Any wound of a person referred to in paragraph  
4 (1)(A) that is determined by the Secretary of Veterans  
5 Affairs to be a service-connected injury arising from being  
6 taken prisoner or held captive under a circumstance re-  
7 ferred to in paragraph (1)(B) shall also meet the require-  
8 ment set forth in paragraph (1)(B).

9 (c) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER AUTHORITY TO  
10 AWARD THE PURPLE HEART.—The authority under this  
11 Act is in addition to any other authority of the President  
12 to award the Purple Heart.

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