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H. R. 2165

To amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the award of a Cold War service medal to members of the Armed Forces who served honorably during the Cold War era.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SPENCE 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. COLD WAR SERVICE MEDAL.**

4 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—Chapter 57 of title 10, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing new section:

1 **“§ 1134. Cold war service medal**

2 “(a) MEDAL AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary con-
3 cerned shall issue the Cold War service medal to persons
4 eligible to receive the medal under subsection (b). The
5 Cold War service medal shall be of an appropriate design
6 approved by the Secretary of Defense, with ribbons, lapel
7 pins, and other appurtenances.

8 “(b) ELIGIBLE PERSONS.—The following persons are
9 eligible to receive the Cold War service medal:

10 “(1) A person who—

11 “(A) performed active duty or inactive
12 duty training as an enlisted member of an
13 armed force during the Cold War;

14 “(B) completed the person’s initial term of
15 enlistment;

16 “(C) after the expiration of the person’s
17 initial term of enlistment, reenlisted in an
18 armed force for an additional term or was ap-
19 pointed as a commissioned officer or warrant
20 officer; and

21 “(D) has not received a discharge less fa-
22 vorable than an honorable discharge or a re-
23 lease from active duty with a characterization
24 of service less favorable than honorable.

25 “(2) A person who—

1 “(A) performed active duty or inactive
2 duty training as a commissioned officer or war-
3 rant officer in an armed force during the Cold
4 War;

5 “(B) completed the person’s initial service
6 obligation as an officer;

7 “(C) served in the armed forces after com-
8 pleting the person’s initial service obligation;
9 and

10 “(D) has not been released from active
11 duty with a characterization of service less fa-
12 vorable than honorable and has not received a
13 discharge less favorable than an honorable dis-
14 charge.

15 “(c) ONE AWARD AUTHORIZED.—Not more than one
16 Cold War service medal may be issued to any one person.

17 “(d) ISSUANCE TO REPRESENTATIVE OF DE-
18 CEASED.—If a person referred to in subsection (b) dies
19 before being issued the Cold War service medal, the medal
20 may be issued to the person’s representative, as designated
21 by the Secretary concerned.

22 “(e) REPLACEMENT.—Under regulations prescribed
23 by the Secretary concerned, a Cold War service medal that
24 is lost, destroyed, or rendered unfit for use without fault

1 or neglect on the part of the person to whom it was issued
2 may be replaced without charge.

3 “(f) UNIFORM REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of De-
4 fense shall ensure that regulations prescribed by the Sec-
5 retaries of the military departments under this section are
6 uniform so far as is practicable.

7 “(g) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘Cold
8 War’ means the period beginning on September 2, 1945,
9 and ending at the end of December 26, 1991.”.

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

“1134. Cold War service medal.”.

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