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To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for a Korea Defense Service Medal to be issued to members of the Armed Forces who participated in operations in Korea after the end of the Korean War.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Korea Defense Service
5 Medal Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

1 (1) More than 40,000 members of the United
2 States Armed Forces have served on the Korean Pe-
3 ninsula each year since the signing of the cease-fire
4 agreement in July 1953 ending the Korean War.

5 (2) An estimated 1,200 members of the United
6 States Armed Forces died as a direct result of their
7 service in Korea since the cease-fire agreement in
8 July 1953.

9 **SEC. 3. KOREA DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL.**

10 (a) ARMY.—(1) Chapter 357 of title 10, United
11 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
12 lowing new section:

13 **“§ 3754. Korea Defense Service Medal**

14 “(a) The Secretary of the Army shall issue a cam-
15 paign medal, to be known as the Korea Defense Service
16 Medal, to each person who while a member of the Army
17 served in the Republic of Korea or the waters adjacent
18 thereto during the KDSM eligibility period and met the
19 service requirements for the award of that medal pre-
20 scribed under subsection (c).

21 “(b) In this section, the term ‘KDSM eligibility pe-
22 riod’ means the period beginning on July 28, 1954, and
23 ending on such date after the date of the enactment of
24 this section as may be determined by the Secretary of De-

1 fense to be appropriate for terminating eligibility for the
2 Korea Defense Service Medal.

3 “(c) The Secretary of the Army shall prescribe service
4 requirements for eligibility for the Korea Defense Service
5 Medal. Those requirements shall not be more stringent
6 than the service requirements for award of the Armed
7 Forces Expeditionary Medal for instances in which the
8 award of that medal is authorized.”.

9 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such
10 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following
11 new item:

“3754. Korea Defense Service Medal.”.

12 (b) NAVY AND MARINE CORPS.—(1) Chapter 567 of
13 title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
14 end the following new section:

15 **“§ 6256. Korea Defense Service Medal**

16 “(a) The Secretary of the Navy shall issue a cam-
17 paign medal, to be known as the Korea Defense Service
18 Medal, to each person who while a member of the Navy
19 or Marine Corps served in the Republic of Korea or the
20 waters adjacent thereto during the KDSM eligibility pe-
21 riod and met the service requirements for the award of
22 that medal prescribed under subsection (c).

23 “(b) In this section, the term ‘KDSM eligibility pe-
24 riod’ means the period beginning on July 28, 1954, and
25 ending on such date after the date of the enactment of

1 this section as may be determined by the Secretary of De-
 2 fense to be appropriate for terminating eligibility for the
 3 Korea Defense Service Medal.

4 “(c) The Secretary of the Navy shall prescribe service
 5 requirements for eligibility for the Korea Defense Service
 6 Medal. Those requirements shall not be more stringent
 7 than the service requirements for award of the Armed
 8 Forces Expeditionary Medal for instances in which the
 9 award of that medal is authorized.”.

10 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such
 11 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following
 12 new item:

“6256. Korea Defense Service Medal.”.

13 (c) AIR FORCE.—(1) Chapter 857 of title 10, United
 14 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 15 lowing new section:

16 **“§ 8754. Korea Defense Service Medal**

17 “(a) The Secretary of the Air Force shall issue a
 18 campaign medal, to be known as the Korea Defense Serv-
 19 ice Medal, to each person who while a member of the Air
 20 Force served in the Republic of Korea or the waters adja-
 21 cent thereto during the KDSM eligibility period and met
 22 the service requirements for the award of that medal pre-
 23 scribed under subsection (c).

24 “(b) In this section, the term ‘KDSM eligibility pe-
 25 riod’ means the period beginning on July 28, 1954, and

1 ending on such date after the date of the enactment of
2 this section as may be determined by the Secretary of De-
3 fense to be appropriate for terminating eligibility for the
4 Korea Defense Service Medal.

5 “(c) The Secretary of the Air Force shall prescribe
6 service requirements for eligibility for the Korea Defense
7 Service Medal. Those requirements shall not be more
8 stringent than the service requirements for award of the
9 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for instances in which
10 the award of that medal is authorized.”.

11 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such
12 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following
13 new item:

“8754. Korea Defense Service Medal.”.

14 (d) AWARD FOR SERVICE BEFORE DATE OF ENACT-
15 MENT.—The Secretary of the military department con-
16 cerned shall take appropriate steps to provide in a timely
17 manner for the issuance of the Korea Defense Service
18 Medal, upon application therefor, to persons whose eligi-
19 bility for that medal is by reason of service in the Republic
20 of Korea or the waters adjacent thereto before the date
21 of the enactment of this Act.

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