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H. R. 3272

To require the Secretary of Defense to establish separate campaign medals to be awarded to members of the Armed Forces who participate in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and subsequent campaigns of similar significance in the Global War on Terrorism.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 8, 2003

Ms. GRANGER 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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The Global War on Terrorism is a long-
2 term effort that will consist of a number of major
3 campaigns.

4 (2) Operation Enduring Freedom and Oper-
5 ation Iraqi Freedom are major campaigns in the
6 Global War on Terrorism.

7 (3) While the President has established a cam-
8 paign medal for the Global War on Terrorism, no
9 separate campaign medal has been established for
10 Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi
11 Freedom.

12 (4) In the past, campaign medals have been
13 awarded by the Department of Defense for military
14 campaigns of similar significance.

15 (5) Therefore, separate campaign medals are
16 warranted to sufficiently recognize service by mem-
17 bers of the Armed Forces in the operations referred
18 to in paragraph (2) and any subsequent operation of
19 similar significance.

20 **SEC. 2. MILITARY CAMPAIGN MEDALS RECOGNIZING SERV-**
21 **ICE IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM AND**
22 **OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM AND SUBSE-**
23 **QUENT OPERATIONS OF SIMILAR SIGNIFI-**
24 **CANCE.**

25 (a) MEDALS AUTHORIZED.—

1 (1) OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM AND OP-
2 ERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.—The Secretary of De-
3 fense shall establish separate campaign medals of
4 appropriate design, with ribbons, lapel pins and ap-
5 purtenances, to recognize service by members of the
6 Armed Forces in Operation Enduring Freedom and
7 Operation Iraqi Freedom.

8 (2) FUTURE CAMPAIGNS.—The Secretary of
9 Defense shall establish campaign medals for future
10 military campaigns in the Global War on Terrorism
11 that, as determined by the Secretary, are of signifi-
12 cance similar to the campaigns in Operation Endur-
13 ing Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

14 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—Eligibility for a campaign medal
15 established pursuant to subsection (a) shall be set forth
16 in uniform regulations to be prescribed by the Secretaries
17 of the military departments and approved by the Secretary
18 of Defense or in regulations to be prescribed by the Sec-
19 retary of Homeland Security with respect to the Coast
20 Guard when it is not operating as a service in the Navy.

21 (c) ISSUANCE TO REPRESENTATIVE OF DE-
22 CEASED.—If a person eligible for a campaign medal under
23 subsection (a) dies before being issued the medal, the
24 medal may be issued to the person's representative, as des-
25 ignated by the Secretary concerned.

1 (d) REPLACEMENT.—Under regulations prescribed
2 by the Secretary concerned, any medal issued under sub-
3 section (a) that is lost, destroyed, or rendered unfit for
4 use without fault or neglect on the part of the person to
5 whom it was issued may be replaced without charge.

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