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S. 1487

To require the Secretary of the Army to award the Combat Medical Badge or another combat badge for Army helicopter medical evacuation ambulance (Medevac) pilots and crews.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 29 (legislative day, JULY 21), 2003

Mr. SPECTER 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. AWARD OF COMBAT MEDICAL BADGE (CMB) OR**
2 **OTHER COMBAT BADGE FOR ARMY HELI-**
3 **COPTER MEDICAL EVACUATION AMBULANCE**
4 **(MEDEVAC) PILOTS AND CREWS.**

5 (a) REQUIREMENT TO ELECT AND AWARD COMBAT
6 BADGE.—The Secretary of the Army shall, at the election
7 of the Secretary—

8 (1) award the Combat Medical Badge (CMB) to
9 each member of a helicopter medical evacuation am-
10 bulance crew; or

11 (2)(A) establish a badge of appropriate design,
12 to be known as the Combat Medevac Badge; and

13 (B) award that badge to each member of a heli-
14 copter medical evacuation ambulance crew who
15 meets such requirements for eligibility for the award
16 of that badge as the Secretary shall prescribe.

17 (b) AWARD FOR SERVICE BEFORE DATE OF ENACT-
18 MENT.—In the case of persons who qualified for treatment
19 as a member of a helicopter medical evacuation ambulance
20 crew by reason of service during the period beginning on
21 June 25, 1950, and ending on the date of enactment of
22 this Act, the Secretary shall award a badge under sub-
23 section (a) to each such person with respect to whom an
24 application for the award of such badge is made to the
25 Secretary after such date in such manner as the Secretary
26 may require.

1 (c) MEMBER OF HELICOPTER MEDICAL EVACUATION
2 AMBULANCE CREW DEFINED.—In this section, the term
3 “member of a helicopter medical evacuation ambulance
4 crew” means any person who while a member of the Army
5 served in combat on or after June 25, 1950, as a pilot
6 or crew member of a helicopter medical evacuation ambu-
7 lance.

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