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# S. 1841

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. CLINTON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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 “Cold War Medal Act”.

5       **SEC. 2. COLD WAR SERVICE MEDAL.**

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

1 **“§ 1134. Cold War service medal**

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

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

11           “(1) A person who—

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

15                   “(B) completed the person’s initial term of  
16 enlistment or, if discharged before completion of  
17 such initial term of enlistment, was honorably  
18 discharged after completion of not less than  
19 180 days of service on active duty; and

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

24           “(2) A person who—

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

4           “(B) completed the person’s initial service  
5 obligation as an officer or, if discharged or sep-  
6 arated before completion of such initial service  
7 obligation, was honorably discharged after com-  
8 pletion of not less than 180 days of service on  
9 active duty; and

10           “(C) 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 or separation less favorable than an  
14 honorable discharge.

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

17           “(d) ISSUANCE TO REPRESENTATIVE OF DE-  
18 CEASED.—If a person described in subsection (b) dies be-  
19 fore being issued the Cold War service medal, the medal  
20 shall be issued to the person’s representative, as des-  
21 ignated 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) APPLICATION FOR MEDAL.—The Cold War serv-  
4 ice medal shall be issued upon receipt by the Secretary  
5 concerned of an application for such medal, submitted in  
6 accordance with such regulations as the Secretary pre-  
7 scribes.

8 “(g) UNIFORM REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of De-  
9 fense shall ensure that regulations prescribed by the Sec-  
10 retaries of the military departments under this section are  
11 uniform so far as is practicable.

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

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

“1134. Cold War service medal.”.

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