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S. 783

To expedite the granting of posthumous citizenship to members of the United States Armed Forces.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 3, 2003

Mr. MILLER (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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A BILL

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members of the United States Armed Forces.

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. GRANTING OF POSTHUMOUS CITIZENSHIP TO**

4   **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

5   (a) REQUESTS AND DOCUMENTATION FOR POST-

6 HUMOUS CITIZENSHIP.—Section 329A of the Immigration

7 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1440–1) is amended—

8   (1) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the

9   following:

1 ''(c) REQUESTS FOR POSTHUMOUS CITIZENSHIP.—A
2 request for the granting of posthumous citizenship to a
3 person described in subsection (b) shall be filed on behalf
4 of that person by the Secretary of Defense or the Sec-
5 retary's designee with the Bureau of Citizenship and Im-
6 migration Services in the Department of Homeland Secu-
7 rity immediately upon the death of that person.''; and

8 　　　　(2) by striking subsection (d) and inserting the
9 　　following:

10 ''(d) DOCUMENTATION OF POSTHUMOUS CITIZEN-
11 SHIP.—If the Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and
12 Immigration Services approves the request referred to in
13 subsection (c), the Director shall send to the next-of-kin
14 of the person who is granted citizenship, a suitable docu-
15 ment which states that the United States considers the
16 person to have been a citizen of the United States at the
17 time of the person's death.''.

18 　　(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—
19 Section 329A(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act
20 (8 U.S.C. 1440–1(a)) is amended by striking ''the Attor-
21 ney General'' each place that term appears and inserting
22 ''the Secretary of Homeland Security''.

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