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To amend titles 10 and 14, United States Code, to provide for the use of gold in the metal content of the Medal of Honor.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KERRY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

A BILL

To amend titles 10 and 14, United States Code, to provide for the use of gold in the metal content of the Medal of Honor.

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. REQUIRED GOLD CONTENT FOR MEDAL OF**
4 **HONOR.**

5 (a) ARMY.—

6 (1) GOLD CONTENT.—Section 3741 of title 10,
7 United States Code, is amended—

8 (A) by striking “The President” and in-
9 serting “(a) AWARD.—The President”; and

1 (B) by adding at the end the following new
2 subsection:

3 “(b) GOLD CONTENT.—The metal content of the
4 medal of honor shall be 90 percent gold and 10 percent
5 alloy.”.

6 (2) EXCEPTION FOR DUPLICATE MEDAL.—Sec-
7 tion 3754 of such title is amended by adding at the
8 end the following new sentence: “Section 3741(b) of
9 this title shall not apply to the issuance of a dupli-
10 cate medal of honor under this section.”.

11 (b) NAVY.—

12 (1) GOLD CONTENT.—Section 6241 of title 10,
13 United States Code, is amended—

14 (A) by striking “The President” and in-
15 serting “(a) AWARD.—The President”; and

16 (B) by adding at the end the following new
17 subsection:

18 “(b) GOLD CONTENT.—The metal content of the
19 medal of honor shall be 90 percent gold and 10 percent
20 alloy.”.

21 (2) EXCEPTION FOR DUPLICATE MEDAL.—Sec-
22 tion 6256 of such title is amended by adding at the
23 end the following new sentence: “Section 6241(b) of
24 this title shall not apply to the issuance of a dupli-
25 cate medal of honor under this section.”.

1 (c) AIR FORCE.—

2 (1) GOLD CONTENT.—Section 8741 of title 10,
3 United States Code, is amended—

4 (A) by striking “The President” and in-
5 serting “(a) AWARD.—The President”; and

6 (B) by adding at the end the following new
7 subsection:

8 “(b) GOLD CONTENT.—The metal content of the
9 medal of honor shall be 90 percent gold and 10 percent
10 alloy.”.

11 (2) EXCEPTION FOR DUPLICATE MEDAL.—Sec-
12 tion 8754 of such title is amended by adding at the
13 end the following new sentence: “Section 8741(b) of
14 this title shall not apply to the issuance of a dupli-
15 cate medal of honor under this section.”.

16 (d) COAST GUARD.—

17 (1) GOLD CONTENT.—Section 491 of title 14,
18 United States Code, is amended—

19 (A) by striking “The President” and in-
20 serting “(a) AWARD.—The President”; and

21 (B) by adding at the end the following new
22 subsection:

23 “(b) GOLD CONTENT.—The metal content of the
24 medal of honor shall be 90 percent gold and 10 percent
25 alloy.”.

1 (2) EXCEPTION FOR DUPLICATE MEDAL.—Sec-
2 tion 504 of such title is amended by adding at the
3 end the following new sentence: “Section 491(b) of
4 this title shall not apply to the issuance of a dupli-
5 cate medal of honor under this section.”.

6 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
7 this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment
8 of this Act, and shall apply with respect to any award of
9 the Medal of Honor on or after that date.

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