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# H. R. 4051

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL introduced the following bill; which was 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 the “Cold War Service  
5 Medal Act of 2009”.

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

7       (a) MEDAL AUTHORIZED.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 57 of title 10,  
2           United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
3           end the following new section:

4   **“§ 1136. Cold War Service Medal**

5           “(a) MEDAL AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary con-  
6           cerned may issue a service medal, to be known as the ‘Cold  
7           War Service Medal’, to persons eligible to receive the  
8           medal under subsection (c).

9           “(b) DESIGN.—The Cold War Service Medal shall be  
10          of an appropriate design approved by the Secretary of De-  
11          fense, with ribbons, lapel pins, and other appurtenances.

12          “(c) ELIGIBLE PERSONS.—A person eligible to be  
13          issued the Cold War Service Medal is any person—

14                 “(1) who—

15                         “(A) served on active duty in the armed  
16                         forces for not less than 24 consecutive months  
17                         during the Cold War;

18                         “(B) was deployed as a member of the  
19                         armed forces outside the continental United  
20                         States for a period of at least 30 days during  
21                         the Cold War; or

22                         “(C) performed such other service in the  
23                         armed forces during the Cold War as the Sec-  
24                         retary of Defense may prescribe for purposes of  
25                         this section; and

1           “(2) who, if discharged or released from the  
2           armed forces, was so discharged or released under  
3           honorable conditions after service in the armed  
4           forces characterized as honorable.

5           “(d) ONE MEDAL AUTHORIZED.—Not more than one  
6 Cold War Service Medal may be issued to any person.

7           “(e) ISSUANCE TO REPRESENTATIVE OF DE-  
8 CEASED.—If a person described in subsection (c) dies be-  
9 fore being issued the Cold War Service Medal, the medal  
10 may be issued to the person’s representative, as designated  
11 by the Secretary concerned.

12           “(f) REPLACEMENT.—Under regulations prescribed  
13 by the Secretary concerned, a Cold War Service Medal  
14 that is lost, destroyed, or rendered unfit for use without  
15 fault or neglect on the part of the person to whom it was  
16 issued may be replaced without charge.

17           “(g) REGULATIONS.—The issuance of a Cold War  
18 Service Medal shall be subject to such regulations as the  
19 Secretaries concerned shall prescribe for purposes of this  
20 section. The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that any  
21 regulations prescribed under this subsection are uniform  
22 to the extent practicable.

23           “(h) COLD WAR DEFINED.—In this section, the term  
24 ‘Cold War’ means the period beginning on September 2,  
25 1945, and ending on December 26, 1991.”.

1           (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
2           tions at the beginning of chapter 57 of such title is  
3           amended by adding at the end the following new  
4           item:

“1136. Cold War Service Medal.”.

5           (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
6           gress that the Secretary of Defense should take appro-  
7           priate actions to expedite—

8           (1) the design of the Cold War Service Medal  
9           provided for by section 1136 of title 10, United  
10          States Code (as added by subsection (a)); and

11          (2) the establishment and implementation of  
12          mechanisms to facilitate the issuance of the Cold  
13          War Service Medal to persons eligible for the  
14          issuance of the medal under such section.

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