

111TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4639

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 22, 2010

Mr. JONES introduced the following bill; which was 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Corporal Dustin Lee
5 Memorial Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADOPTION OF MILITARY WORKING DOG BY FAMILY**
2 **OF DECEASED OR SERIOUSLY WOUNDED**
3 **MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO WAS**
4 **THE DOG’S HANDLER.**

5 Section 2583(c) of title 10, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “Military ani-
8 mals”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new
10 paragraph:

11 “(2) For purposes of making a determination under
12 subsection (a)(2), unusual or extraordinary circumstances
13 may include situations in which the handler of a military
14 working dog is killed in action, dies of wounds received
15 in action, or is so seriously wounded in action that the
16 member will (or most likely will) receive a medical dis-
17 charge. If the Secretary of the military department con-
18 cerned determines that an adoption is justified in such a
19 situation, the military working dog shall be made available
20 for adoption only by the immediate family of the mem-
21 ber.”.

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