

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3304

To authorize and request the President to award the Medal of Honor to Bennie G. Adkins and Donald P. Sloat of the United States Army for acts of valor during the Vietnam Conflict and to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to certain other veterans who were previously recommended for award of the Medal of Honor.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 22, 2013

Mr. DEUTCH (for himself, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. BRIDENSTINE, Mr. ROONEY, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. COLE, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. COOK, Mr. COOPER, Mr. CROWLEY, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. ENYART, Mr. FINCHER, Mr. FLORES, Mr. FORBES, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. GARCIA, Mr. GIBSON, Mr. GRAYSON, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HOLT, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. JONES, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. KILMER, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. MCKEON, Ms. MENG, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. NUGENT, Mr. OLSON, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. RIGELL, Mrs. ROBY, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. RUNYAN, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. STEWART, Mr. STOCKMAN, Mr. THORNBERRY, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. TURNER, Mrs. WAGNER, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. WITTMAN, Ms. HANABUSA, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. HANNA, Mrs. NOEM, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. BARBER, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, and Mr. RICE of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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of Honor to Bennie G. Adkins and Donald P. Sloat of the United States Army for acts of valor during the Vietnam Conflict and to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to certain other veterans who were previously recommended for award 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. AUTHORIZATION AND REQUEST FOR AWARD**
 4 **OF MEDAL OF HONOR TO BENNIE G. ADKINS**
 5 **FOR ACTS OF VALOR DURING THE VIETNAM**
 6 **CONFLICT.**

7 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding the time lim-
 8 itations specified in section 3744 of title 10, United States
 9 Code, or any other time limitation with respect to the
 10 awarding of certain medals to persons who served in the
 11 Armed Forces, the President is authorized and requested
 12 to award the Medal of Honor under section 3741 of such
 13 title to Bennie G. Adkins of the United States Army for
 14 the acts of valor during the Vietnam Conflict described
 15 in subsection (b).

16 (b) ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor
 17 referred to in subsection (a) are the actions of then Ser-
 18 geant First Class Bennie G. Adkins of the United States
 19 Army serving with Special Forces Detachment A-102
 20 from March 9 to 12, 1966, during the Vietnam Conflict

1 for which he was originally awarded the Distinguished
2 Service Cross.

3 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION AND REQUEST FOR AWARD OF**
4 **MEDAL OF HONOR TO DONALD P. SLOAT FOR**
5 **ACTS OF VALOR DURING THE VIETNAM CON-**
6 **FLICT.**

7 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding the time lim-
8 itations specified in section 3744 of title 10, United States
9 Code, or any other time limitation with respect to the
10 awarding of certain medals to persons who served in the
11 Armed Forces, the President is authorized and requested
12 to award the Medal of Honor under section 3741 of such
13 title to Donald P. Sloat of the United States Army for
14 the acts of valor during the Vietnam Conflict described
15 in subsection (b).

16 (b) ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor
17 referred to in subsection (a) are the actions of then Spe-
18 cialist Four Donald P. Sloat of the United States Army
19 serving with 3rd Platoon, Delta Company, 2nd Battalion,
20 1st Infantry, 196th Light Infantry Brigade, Americal Di-
21 vision on January 17, 1970, during the Vietnam Conflict.

1 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARD OF MEDAL OF HONOR**
2 **TO FORMER MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
3 **FORCES PREVIOUSLY RECOMMENDED FOR**
4 **AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR.**

5 Section 552(e) of the National Defense Authorization
6 Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (Public Law 107–107; 10 U.S.C.
7 3741 note) is amended—

8 (1) by inserting “(1)” after “HONOR.—”; and

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

11 “(2) In addition to the authority provided by para-
12 graph (1), a Medal of Honor may be awarded to a veteran
13 of the Armed Forces who, although not a Jewish-Amer-
14 ican war veteran or Hispanic-American war veteran de-
15 scribed in subsection (b), was identified during the review
16 of service records conducted under subsection (a) and re-
17 garding whom the Secretary of Defense submitted, before
18 January 1, 2014, a recommendation to the President that
19 the President award the Medal of Honor to that veteran.”.

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