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H. R. 3441

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 30, 2013

Ms. TITUS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Spouses of Heroes
5 Education Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF MARINE GUNNERY SERGEANT JOHN**
2 **DAVID FRY SCHOLARSHIP.**

3 (a) EXPANSION OF ENTITLEMENT.—Subsection
4 (b)(9) of section 3311 of title 38, United States Code, is
5 amended by inserting “or spouse” after “child”.

6 (b) LIMITATION AND ELECTION ON CERTAIN BENE-
7 FITS.—Subsection (f) of such section is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-
9 graph (4);

10 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
11 lowing new paragraphs:

12 “(2) LIMITATION.—The entitlement of an indi-
13 vidual to assistance under subsection (a) pursuant to
14 paragraph (9) of subsection (b) because the indi-
15 vidual was a spouse of a person described in such
16 paragraph shall expire on the earlier of—

17 “(A) the date that is 15 years after the
18 date on which the person died; and

19 “(B) the date on which the individual re-
20 marries.

21 “(3) ELECTION ON RECEIPT OF CERTAIN BENE-
22 FITS.—A surviving spouse entitled to assistance
23 under subsection (a) pursuant to paragraph (9) of
24 subsection (b) who is also entitled to educational as-
25 sistance under chapter 35 of this title may not re-
26 ceive assistance under both this section and such

1 chapter, but shall make an irrevocable election (in
2 such form and manner as the Secretary may pre-
3 scribe) under which section or chapter to receive
4 educational assistance.”; and

5 (3) in paragraph (4), as redesignated by para-
6 graph (1), by striking “that paragraph” and insert-
7 ing “paragraph (9) of subsection (b)”.

8 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 3321(b)(4)
9 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking
10 “an individual” and inserting “a child”.

11 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
12 this section shall take effect on the date that is 90 days
13 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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