

114TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5623

To authorize the award of the Distinguished Service Cross to Chaplain (First Lieutenant) Joseph Verbis LaFleur for acts of valor during World War II.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 5, 2016

Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. FLEMING, and Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana) 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. AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARD OF THE DISTIN-**  
4 **GUISHED SERVICE CROSS TO CHAPLAIN**  
5 **(FIRST LIEUTENANT) JOSEPH VERBIS LA-**  
6 **FLEUR FOR ACTS OF VALOR DURING WORLD**  
7 **WAR II.**

8 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding the time lim-  
9 itations specified in section 3744 of title 10, United States

1 Code, or any other time limitation with respect to the  
2 awarding of certain medals to persons who served in the  
3 Armed Forces, the Secretary of the Army may award the  
4 Distinguished Service Cross under section 3742 of that  
5 title to Chaplain (First Lieutenant) Joseph Verbis La-  
6 Fleur for the acts of valor referred to in subsection (b).

7 (b) ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor  
8 referred to in subsection (a) are the actions of Chaplain  
9 (First Lieutenant) Joseph Verbis LaFleur while interred  
10 as a Prisoner of War by Japan from December 30, 1941,  
11 to September 7, 1944.

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