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# H. R. 1779

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2019

Ms. BROWNLEY of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. AUTHORIZING A PERSON AWARDED THE**  
2 **MEDAL OF HONOR TO DESIGNATE AN INDI-**  
3 **VIDUAL TO RECEIVE THE SPECIAL PENSION**  
4 **AFTER DEATH.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1562 of title 38, United  
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) by striking “The Secretary” and in-  
9 serting “(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Sec-  
10 retary”; and

11 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
12 paragraph:

13 “(2) A person described in paragraph (1) may des-  
14 ignate an individual to receive the special pension under  
15 this section after the death of that person by notifying  
16 the Secretary of such designation in writing. In the case  
17 of a Medal of Honor that is awarded posthumously, the  
18 individual authorized under section 1482(c) of title 10 to  
19 direct disposition of the remains of the person shall be  
20 treated as such a designee.”;

21 (2) in subsection (d), by inserting “(or the des-  
22 ignee of such person under subsection (a)(2))” be-  
23 fore “shall not”; and

24 (3) in subsection (f)(1), by striking “person  
25 who is in receipt of special pension payable under  
26 this section” and inserting “person described in

1 paragraph (1) of subsection (a) (or the designee of  
2 such a person under paragraph (2) of that sub-  
3 section)”.  
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(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 1134a of  
5 title 10, United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (c), by striking “living”; and

7 (2) in subsection (d), in the second sentence, by  
8 inserting “(or the designee of that person under sub-  
9 section (a)(2) of that section)” before the period.

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