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S. 1716

To provide for the issuance of a “Gold Star Families Forever Stamp” to honor the sacrifices of families who have lost a loved one who was a member of the Armed Forces in combat.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 4, 2019

Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mrs. MURRAY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental 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. GOLD STAR FAMILIES FOREVER STAMP.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

5 (1) Gold Star families are true national heroes,
6 who deserve our deepest gratitude and respect; and

7 (2) the extraordinary contribution of Gold Star
8 families is beyond measure, not merely for their loss,

1 but the comfort they selflessly provide others and
2 their model of service and sacrifice.

3 (b) IN GENERAL.—In order to continue to honor the
4 sacrifices of families who have lost a loved one who was
5 a member of the Armed Forces in combat, the Postmaster
6 General shall provide for the issuance of a forever stamp
7 suitable for that purpose.

8 (c) FOREVER STAMP DEFINED.—In this section, the
9 term “forever stamp” means a definitive stamp that—

10 (1) meets the postage required for first-class
11 mail up to 1 ounce in weight; and

12 (2) retains full validity for the purpose de-
13 scribed in paragraph (1) even if the rate of that
14 postage is later increased.

15 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The stamp described in sub-
16 section (b) shall be issued beginning as soon as practicable
17 after the date of enactment of this Act and shall not there-
18 after be discontinued.

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