

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 6355

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 9, 2023

Mr. RYAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Never Forgotten Ko-
3 rean War POW Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. RECOGNITION OF ENTIRE PERIOD SPENT IN A CAP-**
5 **TURED OR MISSING-IN-ACTION STATUS DUR-**
6 **ING THE KOREAN WAR FOR RECEIPT OF**
7 **COMBAT PAY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 704(b) of the Combat
9 Duty Pay Act of 1952 (title VII of Department of Defense
10 Appropriation Act, 1953; 66 Stat. 539) is amended by
11 striking “for not more than three months thereafter” and
12 inserting “for each month thereafter”.

13 (b) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENT.—

14 (1) COVERED PERSONS.—Section 704(b) of the
15 Combat Duty Pay Act of 1952, as amended by sub-
16 section (a), applies only with respect to a former
17 member of the uniformed services who received com-
18 bat pay under such section and who is alive as of
19 the date of the enactment of this Act.

20 (2) COMBAT PAY AMOUNT.—In determining the
21 actual amount to be paid to a former member of the
22 uniformed services covered by paragraph (1), the
23 Secretary of Defense shall increase the amount de-
24 termined under section 704(b) of the Combat Duty

- 1 Pay Act of 1952, as amended by subsection (a),
- 2 using an appropriate inflation adjustment.

