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H. R. 665

To provide for the award of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal to members of the Armed Forces who participate in Operation Joint Endeavor or Operation Joint Guard in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 1997

Mr. SOLOMON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on National Security

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. ELIGIBILITY FOR ARMED FORCES EXPEDITION-**
2 **ARY MEDAL FOR PARTICIPATION IN OPER-**
3 **ATION JOINT ENDEAVOR OR OPERATION**
4 **JOINT GUARD.**

5 (a) INCLUSION OF OPERATIONS.—For the purpose of
6 determining the eligibility of members and former mem-
7 bers of the Armed Forces for the Armed Forces Expedi-
8 tionary Medal, the Secretary of Defense shall designate
9 participation in Operation Joint Endeavor or Operation
10 Joint Guard in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina,
11 and in such other areas in the region as the Secretary
12 considers appropriate, as service in an area that meets the
13 general requirements for the award of that medal.

14 (b) INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION.—The Secretary of
15 the military department concerned shall determine wheth-
16 er individual members or former members of the Armed
17 Forces who participated in Operation Joint Endeavor or
18 Operation Joint Guard meet the individual service require-
19 ments for award of the Armed Forces Expeditionary
20 Medal as established in applicable regulations. A member
21 or former member shall be considered to have participated
22 in Operation Joint Endeavor or Operation Joint Guard
23 if the member—

24 (1) was deployed in the Republic of Bosnia and
25 Herzegovina, or in such other area in the region as

1 the Secretary of Defense considers appropriate, in
2 direct support of one or both of the operations;

3 (2) served on board a United States naval ves-
4 sel operating in the Adriatic Sea in direct support
5 of one or both of the operations; or

6 (3) operated in airspace above the Republic of
7 Bosnia and Herzegovina, or in such other area in
8 the region as the Secretary of Defense considers ap-
9 propriate, while the operations were in effect.

10 (c) OPERATIONS DEFINED.—For purposes of this
11 section:

12 (1) The term “Operation Joint Endeavor”
13 means operations of the United States Armed
14 Forces conducted in the Republic of Bosnia and
15 Herzegovina during the period beginning on Novem-
16 ber 20, 1995, and ending on December 20, 1996, to
17 assist in implementing the General Framework
18 Agreement and Associated Annexes, initialed on No-
19 vember 21, 1995, in Dayton, Ohio.

20 (2) The term “Operation Joint Guard” means
21 operations of the United States Armed Forces con-
22 ducted in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina
23 as a successor to Operation Joint Endeavor during
24 the period beginning on December 20, 1996, and

- 1 ending on such date as the Secretary of Defense
- 2 may designate.

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