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S. 2722

To authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to Ed W. Freeman, James K. Okubo, and Andrew J. Smith.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. LEVIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed

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. AUTHORITY TO AWARD MEDAL OF HONOR TO**

4 **ED W. FREEMAN, JAMES K. OKUBO, AND AN-**

5 **DREW J SMITH.**

6 (a) INAPPLICABILITY OF TIME LIMITATIONS.—Not-
7 withstanding the time limitations in section 3744(b) of
8 title 10, United States Code, or any other time limitation,
9 the President may award the Medal of Honor under sec-
10 tion 3741 of such title to the persons specified in sub-

1 section (b) for the acts specified in that subsection, the
2 award of the Medal of Honor to such persons having been
3 determined by the Secretary of the Army to be warranted
4 in accordance with section 1130 of such title.

5 (b) PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE MEDAL OF
6 HONOR.—The persons referred to in subsection (a) are
7 the following:

8 (1) Ed W. Freeman, for conspicuous acts of
9 gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life and
10 beyond the call of duty on November 14, 1965, as
11 flight leader and second-in-command of a helicopter
12 lift unit at landing zone X-Ray in the Battle of the
13 Ia Drang Valley, Republic of Vietnam, during the
14 Vietnam War, while serving in the grade of Captain
15 in Alpha Company, 229th Assault Helicopter Bat-
16 talion, 101st Cavalry Division (Airmobile).

17 (2) James K. Okubo, for conspicuous acts of
18 gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life and
19 beyond the call of duty on October 28 and 29, and
20 November 4, 1944, at Foret Domaniale de Champ,
21 near Biffontaine, France, during World War II,
22 while serving as an Army medic in the grade of
23 Technician Fifth Grade in the medical detachment,
24 442d Regimental Combat Team.

1 (3) Andrew J. Smith, for conspicuous acts of
2 gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life and
3 beyond the call of duty on November 30, 1864, in
4 the Battle of Honey Hill, South Carolina, during the
5 Civil War, while serving as a corporal in the 55th
6 Massachusetts Voluntary Infantry Regiment.

7 (c) POSTHUMOUS AWARD.—The Medal of Honor may
8 be awarded under this section posthumously, as provided
9 in section 3752 of title 10, United States Code.

10 (d) PRIOR AWARD.—The Medal of Honor may be
11 awarded under this section for service for which a Silver
12 Star, or other award, has been awarded.

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