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H. R. 3587

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 20, 2001

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut 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 “Delaney-Levitow Act
3 of 2001”.

4 **SEC. 2. CRIMSON CROSS.**

5 (a) AWARD OF MEDAL.—Chapter 57 of title 10,
6 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
7 following new section:

8 **“§ 1134. Crimson Cross**

9 “(a) AWARD.—Under regulations prescribed by the
10 Secretary of Defense, the Secretary concerned shall award
11 a medal called the ‘Crimson Cross’ to each individual who,
12 while on active duty as a member of the Armed Forces,
13 suffered a qualifying injury or illness in connection with
14 combatant activities during a period of war or as a result
15 of hostile actions against the United States and who is
16 not eligible to receive the Purple Heart as a result of such
17 injury or illness.

18 “(b) EXCLUSION FOR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT.—Sub-
19 section (a) shall not apply with respect to any individual
20 who suffered the injury or illness which serves as the basis
21 for award of the Crimson Cross as a result of the individ-
22 ual’s willful misconduct.

23 “(c) DESIGN OF MEDAL.—The Crimson Cross shall
24 be of an appropriate design approved by the Secretary of
25 Defense, with ribbons and other appurtenances.

1 “(d) ONE AWARD AUTHORIZED.—Not more than one
2 Crimson Cross may be awarded to an individual. However,
3 for each succeeding injury or illness that would otherwise
4 justify the award of such a medal, the Secretary concerned
5 may award a suitable device to be worn as the Secretary
6 determines.

7 “(e) DOCUMENTATION.—The Secretary concerned
8 may require such medical documentation and other evi-
9 dence of eligibility as the Secretary considers appropriate
10 as a condition of making any award under this section.

11 “(f) ISSUANCE TO REPRESENTATIVE OF DE-
12 CEASED.—If an individual who is eligible to be awarded
13 a Crimson Cross under subsection (a) dies before receiving
14 such medal, the medal may be issued to the individual’s
15 representative, as designated by the Secretary concerned.

16 “(g) AWARD FOR SERVICE BEFORE DATE OF EN-
17 ACTMENT.—In the case of individuals whose eligibility for
18 the Crimson Cross is by reason of injury or illness suffered
19 before the date of the enactment of this section, the Sec-
20 retary concerned shall provide in a timely manner for the
21 issuance of the medal, upon application therefor.

22 “(h) REPLACEMENT.—Under regulations prescribed
23 by the Secretary concerned, a Crimson Cross that is lost,
24 destroyed, or rendered unfit for use without fault or ne-

1 glect on the part of the individual to whom it was issued
2 may be replaced upon application without charge.

3 “(i) UNIFORM REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of De-
4 fense shall ensure that regulations prescribed by the Sec-
5 retaries of the military departments under this section are
6 uniform so far as is practicable.

7 “(j) QUALIFYING INJURY OR ILLNESS.—In this sec-
8 tion, the term ‘qualifying injury or illness’ means an injury
9 or illness which required medical evacuation or hospitaliza-
10 tion.”

11 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
12 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
13 at the end the following new item:

“1134. Crimson Cross.”

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