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H. R. 653

To amend title 10, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of the Army to establish a combat artillery medal.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) The field artillery is one of the oldest and
6 most celebrated of the Army's combat arms.

7 (2) The field artillery was critical to American
8 success in the "War to end all Wars," World War

9 I.

1 (3) The field artillery also proved to be a deci-
2 sive factor during World War II, helping the United
3 States achieve victories in Europe, Africa, and the
4 Pacific. General George S. Patton Jr. remarked, “I
5 do not need to tell you who won the war. You know
6 the artillery did.”

7 (4) The field artillery continued to play a role
8 in military actions in Korea, Vietnam, and the Per-
9 sian Gulf and it remains critical to today’s military
10 efforts.

11 (5) Despite the past heroic efforts of the mem-
12 bers of the Army who served in the field artillery,
13 there is no medal specifically recognizing the con-
14 tribution of field artillerymen.

15 **SEC. 2. CREATION OF COMBAT ARTILLERY MEDAL.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 357 of title 10, United
17 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
18 lowing new section:

19 **“§ 3754. Combat artillery medal**

20 “(a) The Secretary of the Army, in accordance with
21 criteria established by the Secretary, shall issue a combat
22 artillery medal of appropriate design with accompanying
23 ribbon to each person who, while a member of the Army
24 in the artillery branch, participated in combat after April
25 5, 1917.

1 “(b) In the case of a member of the Army who par-
2 ticipated in combat after April 5, 1917, and before the
3 date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall
4 issue the medal described in subsection (a) in each case
5 which is known to the Secretary before such date or for
6 which an application is made to the Secretary in such
7 manner as the Secretary requires.”.

8 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
9 at the beginning of chapter 357 of title 10, United States
10 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
11 item:

“3754. Combat artillery medal.”.

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