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# H. R. 5271

To direct the Secretary of Defense to establish and award a decoration, to be known as the “Coalition of the Willing Medal”, to members of the military services of nations participating with the United States in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 7, 2004

Mr. SHIMKUS (for himself and Mr. LAMPSON) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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. COALITION OF THE WILLING MEDAL.**

4 (a) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
5 establish and award a decoration to be known as the “Coa-  
6 lition of the Willing Medal”. The medal shall be awarded,  
7 under procedures and criteria to be prescribed by the Sec-

1 retary, to members of the military services of nations par-  
2 ticipating with the United States in Operation Enduring  
3 Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, for those mem-  
4 bers who participated in either of those operations.

5 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—The Secretary shall establish the  
6 criteria for award of the Coalition of the Willing Medal  
7 to members of the military services of foreign nations to  
8 be as similar as practicable as the criteria for award of  
9 a United States campaign medal to members of the United  
10 States Armed Forces who participate in Operation Endur-  
11 ing Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

12 (c) APPLICATIONS; POSTHUMOUS AWARDS.—The  
13 Secretary shall establish procedures for the submission to  
14 the Secretary of applications for the Coalition of the Will-  
15 ing Medal and shall provide for posthumous award of such  
16 medal to the personal representative of any person eligible  
17 for the medal who is deceased.

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