

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3111

To declare the November 5, 2009, attack at Fort Hood, Texas, a terrorist attack, and to ensure that the victims of the attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those Americans who have been killed or wounded in a combat zone overseas and their families.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

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introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Honoring the Fort
5 Hood Heroes Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DECLARATIONS OF POLICY.**

7 Congress makes the following declarations of policy:

8 (1) The November 5, 2009, attack at Fort
9 Hood, Texas, constituted an act of terrorism, not
10 merely workplace violence.

11 (2) The United States Government has a fun-
12 damental duty to our military service members to
13 safeguard them against avoidable harm in the course
14 of their service, and the attack on Fort Hood could
15 and should have been prevented.

1 (3) Nidal Hasan, the perpetrator of the attack,
2 had become radicalized while serving in the United
3 States Army and was principally motivated to carry
4 out the attack by an ideology of violent Islamist ex-
5 tremism.

6 (4) Through his actions that day, Nidal Hasan
7 proved himself to be not just a terrorist, but also a
8 traitor and an enemy of the United States.

9 **SEC. 3. AWARDS REQUIRED.**

10 (a) PURPLE HEART.—The Secretary of the military
11 department concerned shall award the Purple Heart to the
12 members of the Armed Forces who were killed or wounded
13 in the attack that occurred at Fort Hood, Texas, on No-
14 vember 5, 2009.

15 (b) SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MEDAL FOR THE DE-
16 FENSE OF FREEDOM.—The Secretary of Defense shall
17 award the Secretary of Defense Medal for the Defense of
18 Freedom to civilian employees of the Department of De-
19 fense and civilian contractors who were killed or wounded
20 in the attack that occurred at Fort Hood, Texas, on No-
21 vember 5, 2009.

1 **SEC. 4. BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES**
2 **AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPART-**
3 **MENT OF DEFENSE WHO WERE KILLED OR**
4 **WOUNDED IN THE NOVEMBER 5, 2009, AT-**
5 **TACK AT FORT HOOD, TEXAS.**

6 (a) TREATMENT.—For purposes of all applicable
7 Federal laws, regulations, and policies, a member of the
8 Armed Forces or civilian employee of the Department of
9 Defense who was killed or wounded in the attack that oc-
10 curred at Fort Hood, Texas, on November 5, 2009, shall
11 be deemed, effective as of such date, as follows:

12 (1) In the case of a member, to have been killed
13 or wounded in a combat zone as the result of an act
14 of an enemy of the United States.

15 (2) In the case of a civilian employee of the De-
16 partment of Defense—

17 (A) to have been killed or wounded by hos-
18 tile action while serving with the Armed Forces
19 in a contingency operation; and

20 (B) to have been killed or wounded in a
21 terrorist attack.

22 (b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to
23 a member of the Armed Forces whose death or wound as
24 described in that subsection is the result of the willful mis-
25 conduct of the member.

1 (c) COVERAGE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL INJURIES.—Sub-
2 section (a) applies to members of the Armed Forces and
3 civilian employees of the Department of Defense suffering
4 from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or other
5 psychological injuries as a result of the attack that oc-
6 curred at Fort Hood, Texas, on November 5, 2009.

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