

HOUSE No. 3670

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to establishing the Massachusetts Medal of Fidelity.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>3/23/2021</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>4/7/2021</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3670) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others for legislation to establish the medal of fidelity to be presented to certain next of kin of deceased service members. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to establishing the Massachusetts Medal of Fidelity.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 33 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 67A the following section:-

3 Section 67B. There shall be a Massachusetts medal of fidelity to be presented to the next
4 of kin of a service member or veteran who died as the result of either combat-related post-
5 traumatic stress disorder or a service-connected disease, condition or injury related to the
6 exposure to harmful toxins, herbicides, agents or materials, where the exposure occurred while
7 serving in the armed forces of the United States, active or reserve components, or the
8 Massachusetts National Guard. A service member must have entered military service or state
9 active duty from the commonwealth, have been a resident of the commonwealth at the time of
10 death or have been a member of the Massachusetts national guard at the time of death. To be
11 eligible, a service member or veteran must have served after December 6, 1941. The adjutant
12 general or designee and 2 field grade officers of the armed forces of the commonwealth detailed

13 by the commander-in-chief shall constitute a commission to make recommendations to the
14 commander-in-chief for the awarding of the Massachusetts medal of fidelity.

15 SECTION 2. Section 1 shall take effect on October 11, 2021.