

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4279**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Brian W. Murray and Michael J. Soter***

*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 creating a medal of loyalty for families of veterans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>

*Michael S. Day*

*31st Middlesex*

*Carole A. Fiola*

*6th Bristol*

*Colleen M. Garry*

*36th Middlesex*

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By Messrs. Murray of Milford and Soter of Bellingham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brian W. Murray, Michael J. Soter and others for legislation to establish a medal of loyalty for the next of kin of certain service members who died in service while in the line of duty or who died as a result of wounds received in service while in the line of duty. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act creating a medal of loyalty for families of veterans.

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

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

3 Section 67B. There shall be a medal of loyalty, which shall be awarded to the next of kin  
4 of service men and women from the commonwealth who died in service while in the line of duty  
5 or who died as a result of wounds received in service while in the line of duty, but not  
6 necessarily while in combat, in a war zone or as a result of action of an enemy. The adjutant  
7 general and 2 field grade officers of the armed forces of the commonwealth detailed by the  
8 commander-in-chief shall constitute a commission to make recommendations to the commander-  
9 in-chief for the awarding of the medal of loyalty.