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# H. R. 3428

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 17, 2023

Mr. LAWLER (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. DELUZIO, Ms. NORTON, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. MOULTON, and Mrs. HARSHBARGER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “United States Cadet  
5 Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. RECOGNITION AND HONORING OF SERVICE OF IN-**  
2 **DIVIDUALS WHO SERVED IN UNITED STATES**  
3 **CADET NURSE CORPS DURING WORLD WAR**  
4 **II.**

5 Section 106 of title 38, United States Code, is  
6 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
7 section:

8 “(g)(1)(A) Service as a member of the United States  
9 Cadet Nurse Corps during the period beginning on July  
10 1, 1943, and ending on December 31, 1948, of any indi-  
11 vidual who was honorably discharged therefrom pursuant  
12 to subparagraph (B) shall be considered active duty for  
13 purposes of eligibility and entitlement to headstones,  
14 markers, and other benefits under chapters 23 and 24 of  
15 this title, other than such benefits relating to the inter-  
16 ment or inurnment of the individual in Arlington National  
17 Cemetery solely by reason of such service.

18 “(B)(i) Not later than one year after the date of the  
19 enactment of this subsection, the Secretary of Defense  
20 shall issue to each individual who served as a member of  
21 the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during the period  
22 beginning on July 1, 1943, and ending on December 31,  
23 1948, a discharge from such service under honorable con-  
24 ditions if the Secretary determines that the nature and  
25 duration of the service of the individual so warrants.

1       “(ii) A discharge under clause (i) shall designate the  
2 date of discharge. The date of discharge shall be the date,  
3 as determined by the Secretary, of the termination of serv-  
4 ice of the individual concerned as described in that clause.

5       “(2) An individual who receives a discharge under  
6 paragraph (1)(B) for service as a member of the United  
7 States Cadet Nurse Corps shall be honored as a veteran  
8 but shall not be entitled by reason of such service to any  
9 benefit under a law administered by the Secretary of Vet-  
10 erans Affairs, except as provided in paragraph (1)(A).

11       “(3) The Secretary of Defense may design and  
12 produce a service medal, memorial plaque or gravemarker,  
13 or other commendation to honor individuals who receive  
14 a discharge under paragraph (1)(B).”.

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