

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 406

To amend title 10, United States Code, to facilitate the replacement of military decorations for relatives of deceased members of the Armed Forces.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 10, 2017

Mr. KIND (for himself, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. JONES, and Mr. BYRNE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 our Heroes
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPLACEMENT OF MILITARY DECORATIONS.**

7 Section 1135 of title 10, United States Code, is
8 amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “or the imme-
2 diate next of kin” and all that follows through the
3 period at the end and inserting the following: “, the
4 immediate next of kin of a deceased recipient, or, if
5 there is no living immediate next of kin, a covered
6 relative.”; and

7 (2) by amending subsection (c) to read as fol-
8 lows:

9 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 “(1) The term ‘covered relative’ means a rela-
11 tive of a deceased recipient of a military decoration
12 who is—

13 “(A) not the immediate next of kin; and

14 “(B) related within the fourth degree of
15 consanguinity to the deceased recipient, or a
16 more distant relative if determined appropriate
17 by the Secretary concerned.

18 “(2) The term ‘decoration’ means any decora-
19 tion or award (other than the medal of honor) that
20 may be presented or awarded by the President or
21 the Secretary concerned to a member of the armed
22 forces.”.

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