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H. R. 5757

To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the award of a military service medal to members of the Armed Forces who served honorably during the Cold War, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. Pingree (for herself, Mr. McKinley, and Mr. Higgins of New York) 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 "Cold War Service
 - 5 Medal Act".
 - 6 SEC. 2. COLD WAR SERVICE MEDAL.
 - 7 (a) Medal Authorized.—

1	(1) In General.—Chapter 57 of title 10,
2	United States Code, is amended—
3	(A) by redesignating sections 1135 and
4	1136 as sections 1136 and section 1137, re-
5	spectively; and
6	(B) by inserting after section 1134 the fol-
7	lowing new section:
8	"§ 1135. Cold War Service Medal
9	"(a) Medal Authorized.—The Secretary con-
10	cerned may issue a service medal, to be known as the 'Cold
11	War Service Medal', to persons eligible to receive the
12	medal under subsection (c).
13	"(b) Design.—The Cold War Service Medal shall be
14	of an appropriate design approved by the Secretary of De-
15	fense, with ribbons, lapel pins, and other appurtenances.
16	"(c) Eligible Persons.—Subject to subsection (d),
17	a person eligible to be issued the Cold War Service Medal
18	is any person who—
19	"(1) served on active duty in the armed forces
20	for not less than 24 consecutive months during the
21	Cold War;
22	"(2) was deployed as a member of the armed
23	forces outside the continental United States for a
24	period of at least 30 days during the Cold War;

- 1 "(3) was a member of a reserve component of
- 2 the armed forces and called or ordered to active duty
- 3 to participate in exercises or operations directly re-
- 4 lated to the Cold War, as determined by the Sec-
- 5 retary of Defense; or
- 6 "(4) performed such other service in the armed
- 7 forces during the Cold War as the Secretary of De-
- 8 fense may prescribe for purposes of this section.
- 9 "(d) ONE MEDAL AUTHORIZED.—Not more than one
- 10 Cold War Service Medal may be issued to any person.
- 11 "(e) Issuance to Next-of-Kin.—If a person de-
- 12 scribed in subsection (c) is deceased, the Secretary con-
- 13 cerned may provide for issuance of the Cold War Service
- 14 Medal to the next-of-kin of the person.
- 15 "(f) Regulations.—The issuance of a Cold War
- 16 Service Medal shall be subject to such regulations as the
- 17 Secretaries concerned shall prescribe for purposes of this
- 18 section. The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that any
- 19 regulations prescribed under this subsection are uniform
- 20 to the extent practicable.
- 21 "(g) COLD WAR DEFINED.—In this section, the term
- 22 'Cold War' means the period beginning on September 2,
- 23 1945, and ending on December 26, 1991.".
- 24 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
- 25 tions at the beginning of chapter 57 of such title is

- 1 amended by striking the items relating to sections
- 2 1135 and 1136 and adding at the end the following
- 3 new items:
 - "1135. Cold War Service Medal.
 - "1136. Replacement of military decorations.
 - "1137. Honorable service requirement for award of military decorations.".
- 4 (b) Sense of Congress.—It is the sense of Con-
- 5 gress that the Secretary of Defense should take appro-
- 6 priate actions to expedite—
- 7 (1) the design of the Cold War Service Medal
- 8 provided for by section 1136 of title 10, United
- 9 States Code (as added by subsection (a)); and
- 10 (2) the establishment and implementation of
- mechanisms to facilitate the issuance of the Cold
- War Service Medal to persons eligible for the
- issuance of the medal under such section.

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