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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISSA 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 “Valor Has No Expira-
5 tion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REVIEW OF REQUESTS FOR DECORATIONS NOT**
2 **TIMELY AWARDED TO MEMBERS OF CERTAIN**
3 **ARMED FORCES SERVING ON ACTIVE DUTY**
4 **BECAUSE RELEVANT RECORDS WERE CLASSI-**
5 **FIED OR OTHERWISE RESTRICTED.**

6 Chapter 57 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-
7 ed by inserting after section 1130 the following new sec-
8 tion:

9 **“§ 1130a. Consideration of proposals for certain deco-**
10 **rations not previously submitted in time-**
11 **ly fashion because relevant records were**
12 **classified or otherwise restricted**

13 “(a) WAIVER OF TIME LIMITATIONS.—Notwith-
14 standing section 1130 of this title, a decoration (including
15 any device in lieu of a decoration), authorized by law or
16 under the regulations of the Department of Defense or
17 the military department concerned, may be awarded, with-
18 out regard to any time limitation imposed by law or regu-
19 lation for a recommendation for such award—

20 “(1) to any person for service—

21 “(A) while on active duty in the Army,
22 Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space
23 Force;

24 “(B) during the period beginning on Janu-
25 ary 1, 1940; and

1 “(C) the records of which were classified,
2 withheld from the public record due to sensi-
3 tivity, or redacted for national security pur-
4 poses; and

5 “(2) based on a request for consideration of
6 such award received by the Secretary of a military
7 department.

8 “(b) REVIEW OF REQUESTS.—In carrying out this
9 section, the Secretary of a military department—

10 “(1) shall—

11 “(A) begin a review of a request under
12 subsection (a)(2) not later than 30 days after
13 the Secretary receives such request; and

14 “(B) complete such a review not later than
15 one year after the date of such receipt; and

16 “(2) may use the process under subsections (b)
17 and (c) of section 1130 of this title to carry out such
18 a review.

19 “(c) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—(1) The failure of
20 the Secretary of a military department to complete the re-
21 view of a request under subsection (a)(2) within the time
22 limitations under subsection (b) shall not be construed to
23 limit the authority to award a decoration under this sec-
24 tion.

1 “(2) In the case of a decoration the President may
2 award, the recommendation of the Secretary of the mili-
3 tary department concerned to not award such decoration
4 shall not be construed to prohibit the President from
5 awarding such decoration.

6 “(d) REPORTS.—(1)(A) Not later than 30 days after
7 completing the review of a request under subsection (b),
8 the Secretary of a military department shall submit to the
9 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House
10 of Representatives a report regarding such review.

11 “(B) In the case of a review of a request for a decora-
12 tion the President may award, the Secretary of the mili-
13 tary department concerned shall, subject to subparagraph
14 (C), also submit such report to the President.

15 “(C) In the case of a review of a request for a Medal
16 of Honor, the Secretary of Defense shall submit the report
17 under this paragraph.

18 “(2) Such a report shall include, with respect to the
19 request reviewed, the following elements:

20 “(A) A summary of the request.

21 “(B) The findings of the review.

22 “(C) The final action or recommendation of the
23 submitting Secretary regarding such request.

1 “(D) Any recommendation of the submitting
2 Secretary to improve award procedures with respect
3 to military intelligence personnel.”.

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