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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LALOTA (for himself, Mr. LUTTRELL, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. TENNEY, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. SUOZZI, and Mr. MCGUIRE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Michael Patrick Murphy was born on May
6 7, 1976, in Smithtown, New York, and grew up in
7 Patchogue, New York, on Long Island.

1 (2) Murphy graduated from Patchogue-Medford
2 High School in 1994 and later attended Penn State
3 University, earning dual degrees in political science
4 and psychology.

5 (3) On June 28, 2005, Lieutenant Murphy was
6 the officer-in-charge of a four-man SEAL element in
7 support of Operation Red Wings. Shortly after arriv-
8 ing at the objective area, the SEALs were spotted
9 by three anti-coalition militia sympathizers, who re-
10 vealed their position to Taliban fighters.

11 (4) Lieutenant Murphy's team found them-
12 selves in a fierce gun battle against a much larger
13 enemy force on the steep face of a mountain. Ignor-
14 ing his own wounds and demonstrating exceptional
15 composure, Lieutenant Murphy continued to lead his
16 men in engaging the enemy. In the face of almost
17 certain death, he fought his way into open terrain to
18 gain a better position to transmit a call for assist-
19 ance.

20 (5) This deliberate, heroic act exposed him to
21 direct enemy fire. Finally achieving contact with his
22 headquarters, Lieutenant Murphy maintained his ex-
23 posed position while he provided his location and re-
24 quested immediate support. In his final act of brav-
25 ery, he continued to engage the enemy until he was

1 mortally wounded, gallantly giving his life for his
2 country and for the cause of freedom.

3 (6) Eight additional Navy SEALs and eight
4 members of the U.S. Army's 160th Special Oper-
5 ations Aviation Regiment, the "Night Stalkers",
6 were also killed in the ensuing rescue when their
7 MH-47 Chinook helicopter was struck by a rocket-
8 propelled grenade.

9 (7) Lieutenant Murphy was posthumously
10 awarded the Medal of Honor, our nation's highest
11 military honor, for his heroic actions above and be-
12 yond the call of duty at the risk of his own life, the
13 first Medal of Honor awarded for combat in Afghan-
14 istan, and the first for the Navy since the Vietnam
15 War.

16 (8) Lieutenant Murphy's selfless leadership and
17 courage continue to inspire many throughout this
18 country and the world. Every year, people around
19 the world complete the "Murph" workout in his
20 honor. The LT Michael P. Murphy Memorial Schol-
21 arship Foundation now awards over 43 scholarships
22 annually to further his belief that "education will set
23 you free", and the LT Michael P. Murphy Navy
24 SEAL Museum in West Sayville, New York, hosts
25 training and education for the local Sea Cadet divi-

1 sion to develop character and confidence in the
2 youth of Long Island who hope to follow in his foot-
3 steps.

4 (9) Naming the Veterans Affairs Medical Cen-
5 ter in Northport, New York, after LT Michael P.
6 Murphy, only roughly ten miles from his birthplace,
7 will serve as an enduring reminder of his selfless
8 sacrifice, and help to educate future generations on
9 the value of service, the cost of freedom, and the leg-
10 acy of all who have given that last full measure in
11 defense of this great nation.

12 **SEC. 2. NAME OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**
13 **MEDICAL CENTER, NORTHPORT, NEW YORK.**

14 The Department of Veterans Affairs medical center
15 located in Northport, New York, shall, after the date of
16 the enactment of this Act, be known and designated as
17 the “Navy (SEAL) Lieutenant Michael P. Murphy VA
18 Medical Center”. Any reference to such medical center in
19 any law, regulation, map, document, record, or other
20 paper of the United States shall be considered to be a ref-
21 erence to the Navy (SEAL) Lieutenant Michael P. Mur-
22 phy VA Medical Center.

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