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OFFERED BY MR. CRENSHAW OF TEXAS

At the end of subtitle I of title V, insert the following:

SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR TO ALWYN CASHE FOR ACTS OF VALOR DURING OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.

(a) WAIVER OF TIME LIMITATIONS.—Notwithstanding the time limitations specified in section 7271 of title 10, United States Code, or any other time limitation with respect to the awarding of certain medals to persons who served in the Armed Forces, the President may award the Medal of Honor under section 7271 of such title to Alwyn C. Cashe for the acts of valor during Operation Iraqi Freedom described in subsection (b).

(b) ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor referred to in subsection (a) are the actions of Alwyn Cashe on October 17, 2005, in Samarra, Iraq, during Operation Iraqi Freedom, when, as a Sergeant First Class in Company A, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, with no regard to his own safety or wellbeing, he repeatedly entered a burning Bradley...
Fighting Vehicle after it struck an improvised explosive device. While receiving small arms fire, he made his first evacuation of his Soldiers. On his second evacuation of Soldiers, his own fuel-soaked uniform caught on fire, yet he returned to the burning Bradley Fighting Vehicle for a third evacuation. Cashe, injured the worst of all involved, with second- and third-degree burns over 72 percent of his body, still led recovery efforts and refused medical evacuation until his men were evacuated to safety and treatment. Cashe’s actions saved the lives of six of his Soldiers. Sergeant First Class Alwyn Cashe succumbed from his wounds on November 8, 2005 at Brooks Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. He was posthumously awarded the Silver Star for his heroism.