

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4909, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. FITZPATRICK OF
PENNSYLVANIA

At the end of subtitle G of title V, add the following new sections:

1 **SEC. 5___ . AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARD OF MEDAL OF**
2 **HONOR TO RICHARD GRESKO FOR ACTS OF**
3 **VALOR DURING THE VIETNAM WAR.**

4 (a) **WAIVER OF TIME LIMITATIONS.**—Notwith-
5 standing the time limitations specified in section 6248 of
6 title 10, United States Code, or any other time limitation
7 with respect to the awarding of certain medals to persons
8 who served in the Armed Forces, the President may award
9 the Medal of Honor under section 6241 of such title to
10 Richard Gresko of Newtown, Pennsylvania, for the acts
11 of valor during the Vietnam War described in subsection
12 (b) and for which he was originally awarded the Navy
13 Cross.

14 (b) **ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.**—The acts of valor
15 referred to in subsection (a) are the actions of Richard
16 Gresko in the Republic of Vietnam on the night of March
17 11–12, 1970, while a lance corporal in the United States
18 Marine Corps serving in the Third Battalion, Fifth Marine

1 Regiment, First Marine Division. On that night, Sergeant
2 (then Lance Corporal) Gresko was part of an ambush set
3 up to protect a village from enemy attack. Around mid-
4 night, his squad ambushed a Viet Cong unit that was at-
5 tempting to enter the village. During the engagement, Ser-
6 geant Gresko observed an enemy hand grenade land near
7 his position. With complete disregard for his own personal
8 safety and fully aware of the dangers involved, he
9 unhesitatingly threw himself on top of the grenade, ab-
10 sorbing most of the blast fragments with his own body
11 in order to protect his men from certain injury and pos-
12 sible death. Although painfully wounded, he continued to
13 direct his men's actions during the engagement.

14 **SEC. 5___ . AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARD OF MEDAL OF**
15 **HONOR TO DAVID A. CHRISTIAN FOR ACTS OF**
16 **VALOR DURING THE VIETNAM WAR.**

17 (a) **WAIVER OF TIME LIMITATIONS.**—Notwith-
18 standing the time limitations specified in section 3744 of
19 title 10, United States Code, or any other time limitation
20 with respect to the awarding of certain medals to persons
21 who served in the Armed Forces, the President may award
22 the Medal of Honor under section 3741 of such title to
23 David A. Christian of Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania,
24 for the acts of valor during the Vietnam War described

1 in subsection (b) and for which he was originally awarded
2 the Distinguished-Service Cross.

3 (a) ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor
4 referred to in subsection (a) are the actions of David A.
5 Christian in the Republic of Vietnam on October 29, 1968,
6 while a First Lieutenant serving in the Reconnaissance
7 First Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Infantry, First Infantry Di-
8 vision. On that day, Lieutenant Christian’s team came
9 under heavy and sustained enemy fire while conducting
10 routine operations. Despite sustaining injuries, Lieutenant
11 Christian single handedly assaulted and destroyed an
12 enemy fortification. Over the course of the four-hour en-
13 gagement, Lieutenant Christian subsequently was seri-
14 ously wounded, but continued to lead his soldiers and fight
15 off enemy forces. Lieutenant Christian refused treatment
16 of his own serious injuries until all the other wounded sol-
17 diers were successfully evacuated.

