

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-8
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At the end of subtitle J of title V add the following
new section:

1 SEC. 5 ____ . OPERATION MIDNIGHT HAMMER MEDAL.

2 (a) MEDAL AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary concerned
3 shall authorize the award of an Armed Forces Expedi-
4 tionary Medal, to be known as the “Operation Midnight
5 Hammer Medal”, to any person eligible under subsection
6 (c).

7 (b) DESIGN.—The medal shall be of an appropriate
8 design approved by the Secretary of Defense and shall in-
9 clude ribbons, lapel pins, and other appurtenances.

10 (c) ELIGIBILITY.—Subject to subsection (e), a person
11 shall be eligible for the medal if the person—

12 (1) served on active duty, including as a mem-
13 ber of a reserve component under orders to active
14 duty, in the Armed Forces in support of a des-
15 ignated operation during the armed conflict between
16 Iran and Israel in 2025 (including Operation Mid-
17 night Hammer, conducted on June 22, 2025);

1 (2) was deployed in an area of operations des-
2 ignated by the Secretary concerned as eligible for
3 award of the medal; or

4 (3) performed such other service as the Sec-
5 retary concerned may prescribe for purposes of this
6 section.

7 (d) ONE MEDAL AUTHORIZED.—Not more than one
8 medal may be awarded to any person.

9 (e) ISSUANCE TO NEXT-OF-KIN.—If a person de-
10 scribed in subsection (c) is deceased, the Secretary may
11 provide for the issuance of the medal to the next-of-kin
12 of that person.

13 (f) REGULATIONS.—The issuance of a medal under
14 this section shall be subject to such regulations as the Sec-
15 retaries concerned shall prescribe for purposes of this sec-
16 tion. The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that any regu-
17 lations prescribed under this subsection are uniform to the
18 extent practicable.

19 (g) SECRETARY CONCERNED DEFINED.—In this sec-
20 tion, the term “Secretary concerned” has the meaning
21 given the term in section 101(a) of title 10, United States
22 Code.

