

**AMENDMENT TO**  
**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT FOR H.R. 6395**  
**OFFERED BY MR. JOYCE OF PENNSYLVANIA**

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

1 **SEC. 583. AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF**  
2 **HONOR TO ERIC FISHER WOOD, JR. FOR ACTS**  
3 **OF VALOR DURING THE BATTLE OF THE**  
4 **BULGE IN WORLD WAR II.**

5 (a) **WAIVER OF TIME LIMITATIONS.**—Notwith-  
6 standing the time limitations specified in section 7271 of  
7 title 10, United States Code, or any other time limitation  
8 with respect to the awarding of certain medals to persons  
9 who served in the Armed Forces, the President may award  
10 the Medal of Honor under section 7271 of such title to  
11 Eric Fisher Wood, Jr. for the acts of valor during the Bat-  
12 tle of the Bulge described in subsection (b).

13 (b) **ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.**—(1) The acts of  
14 valor referred to in subsection (a) are the actions of Eric  
15 Fisher Wood, Jr. in the Ardennes region of Wallonia, Bel-  
16 gium, during the Battle of the Bulge, when, as a Lieuten-  
17 ant in Battery A, 589th Field Artillery Battalion, 106th  
18 Infantry Division, from December 17, 1944 to January

1 22, 1945, he displayed extraordinary heroism in action  
2 against the enemy in Belgium.

3 (2) After ordering his artillery battery to fire against  
4 enemy tanks in a delaying action, allowing other American  
5 units avoid capture, his unit was surrounded and forced  
6 to surrender. Rather than accept capture, as enemy fire  
7 converged on him from all sides, he raced across a large  
8 open field into the woods beyond.

9 (3) Cut off from his own lines, and surrounded by  
10 the enemy in the Ardennes forest, Lieutenant Wood rallied  
11 a small band of American soldiers who were also separated  
12 from their units. Over the course of several weeks, he re-  
13 peatedly initiated harassing ambush attacks against  
14 enemy communications, supply columns and patrols, ac-  
15 counting for the deaths and wounding of scores of enemy  
16 soldiers and further slowing their advance to strategic  
17 road intersections and helping other American units from  
18 being overrun or captured.

19 (4) Lieutenant Wood continued his offensive actions  
20 until a final, fierce engagement with overwhelming enemy  
21 forces, where he made the last full measure of service. His  
22 body was found surrounded by several enemy dead. Lieu-  
23 tenant Wood's extraordinary heroism and selflessness  
24 above and beyond the call of duty in the service of his  
25 country are in keeping with the highest traditions of mili-

1 tary service. Lieutenant Wood was posthumously awarded  
2 the Distinguished -Service Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star,  
3 and the Purple Heart for his heroism.

