

AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MS. KAPTUR OF OHIO

Insert as section 581 (and redesignate the following sections accordingly):

1 **SEC. 581. AUTHORIZATION FOR LAST MEMBER STANDING**
2 **MEDAL.**

3 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—Chapter 57 of title 10, United
4 States Code, is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating sections 1135 and 1136 as
6 sections 1136 and section 1137, respectively; and

7 (2) by inserting after section 1134 the following
8 new section:

9 **“§ 1135. Last Member Standing medal**

10 “(a) MEDAL AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary con-
11 cerned may issue a service medal, to be known as the ‘Last
12 Member Standing medal’, to persons eligible under sub-
13 section (c).

14 “(b) DESIGN.—The Last Member Standing medal
15 shall be of an appropriate design approved by the Sec-
16 retary of Defense, with ribbons, lapel pins, and other ap-
17 purtenances.

1 “(c) ELIGIBLE PERSONS.—Subject to subsection (d),
2 a person eligible to be issued the Last Member Standing
3 medal is any member who—

4 “(1) served on active duty;

5 “(2) was deployed during war or overseas con-
6 tingency operation;

7 “(3) as a result of a combat instance during
8 such war or overseas contingency, was the last sur-
9 viving member of a unit;

10 “(4) demonstrated extraordinary heroism in de-
11 fense of the United States during such combat in-
12 stance; and

13 “(5) whose character is recommended for rec-
14 ognition by their commanding officer and at least
15 two peers.

16 “(d) ONE MEDAL AUTHORIZED.—Not more than one
17 Last Member Standing medal may be issued to any per-
18 son.

19 “(e) ISSUANCE TO NEXT-OF-KIN.—If a person de-
20 scribed in subsection (c) is deceased, the Secretary con-
21 cerned may provide for issuance of the Last Member
22 Standing medal to the next-of-kin of the person.

23 “(f) REGULATIONS.—The issuance of a Last Member
24 Standing medal shall be subject to such regulations as the
25 Secretaries concerned shall prescribe for purposes of this

1 section. The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that any
2 regulations prescribed under this subsection are uniform
3 to the extent practicable.”.

4 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
5 gress that the Secretary of Defense should take appro-
6 priate actions to expedite—

7 (1) the design of the Last Member Standing
8 medal provided for by section 1136 of title 10,
9 United States Code, as added by subsection (a); and

10 (2) the establishment and implementation of
11 mechanisms to facilitate the issuance of the Last
12 Member Standing Medal to persons eligible for the
13 issuance of the medal under such section.

