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

SEC. 581. AUTHORIZATION FOR LAST MEMBER STANDING
MEDAL.

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

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

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

§ 1135. Last Member Standing medal

“(a) Medal Authorized.—The Secretary concerned may issue a service medal, to be known as the ‘Last Member Standing medal’, to persons eligible under subsection (c).

“(b) Design.—The Last Member Standing medal shall be of an appropriate design approved by the Secretary of Defense, with ribbons, lapel pins, and other appurtenances.
“(c) ELIGIBLE PERSONS.—Subject to subsection (d), a person eligible to be issued the Last Member Standing medal is any member who—

“(1) served on active duty;

“(2) was deployed during war or overseas contingency operation;

“(3) as a result of a combat instance during such war or overseas contingency, was the last surviving member of a unit;

“(4) demonstrated extraordinary heroism in defense of the United States during such combat instance; and

“(5) whose character is recommended for recognition by their commanding officer and at least two peers.

“(d) ONE MEDAL AUTHORIZED.—Not more than one Last Member Standing medal may be issued to any person.

“(e) ISSUANCE TO NEXT-OF-KIN.—If a person described in subsection (e) is deceased, the Secretary concerned may provide for issuance of the Last Member Standing medal to the next-of-kin of the person.

“(f) REGULATIONS.—The issuance of a Last Member Standing medal shall be subject to such regulations as the Secretaries concerned shall prescribe for purposes of this
section. The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that any regulations prescribed under this subsection are uniform to the extent practicable.”.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should take appropriate actions to expedite—

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

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