

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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In subtitle I of title V, add at the end the following;

1 **SEC. 5 ___. AUTHORIZATION FOR LAST SERVICEMEMBER**
2 **STANDING 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 Servicemember Standing medal**

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

14 “(b) DESIGN.—The Last Servicemember Standing
15 medal shall be of an appropriate design approved by the
16 Secretary of Defense, with ribbons, lapel pins, and other
17 appurtenances.

1 “(c) ELIGIBLE PERSONS.—Subject to subsection (d),
2 a person eligible to be issued the Last Servicemember
3 Standing 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 Servicemember Standing medal may be issued to any
18 person.

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 Servicemem-
22 ber Standing medal to the next-of-kin of the person.

23 “(f) REGULATIONS.—The issuance of a Last Service-
24 member Standing medal shall be subject to such regula-
25 tions as the Secretaries concerned shall prescribe for pur-

1 poses of this section. The Secretary of Defense shall en-
2 sure that any regulations prescribed under this subsection
3 are uniform 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 Servicemember
8 Standing medal provided for by section 1136 of title
9 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a);
10 and

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

