

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-**

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At the end of subtitle I of title V, add the following new section:

**1 SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . REVIEW OF KOREAN WAR VALOR MEDALS.**

2 (a) REVIEW REQUIRED.—Each Secretary concerned  
3 shall review the service records of Korean War veterans  
4 described in subsection (b) under the jurisdiction of such  
5 Secretary in order to determine whether any such veteran  
6 should be awarded the Medal of Honor for valor during  
7 the Korean War.

8 (b) COVERED KOREAN WAR VETERANS.—The Ko-  
9 rean War veterans whose service records may be reviewed  
10 under subsection (a) are African American veterans, Asian  
11 American veterans, Hispanic American veterans, Jewish  
12 American veterans, and Native American veterans who  
13 were recommended for a Medal of Honor for actions that  
14 occurred from June 25, 1950, through July 27, 1953, if  
15 the Department of Defense possesses or receives records  
16 relating to such recommendation.

17 (c) RECOMMENDATION BASED ON REVIEW.—If a  
18 Secretary concerned determines, based upon the review

1 under subsection (a), that the award of the Medal of  
2 Honor to a covered Korean War veteran is warranted,  
3 such Secretary shall submit to the President a rec-  
4 ommendation that the President award the Medal of  
5 Honor to that veteran.

6 (d) AUTHORITY TO AWARD MEDAL OF HONOR.—  
7 The Medal of Honor may be awarded to a Korean War  
8 veteran in accordance with a recommendation of a Sec-  
9 retary concerned under subsection (c).

10 (e) WAIVER OF TIME LIMITATIONS.—An award of  
11 the Medal of Honor may be made under subsection (d)  
12 without regard to—

13 (1) section 7274, 9274, or 8298 of title 10,  
14 United States Code, as applicable; and

15 (2) any regulation or other administrative re-  
16 striction on—

17 (A) the time for awarding the Medal of  
18 Honor; or

19 (B) the awarding of the Medal of Honor  
20 for service for which a Distinguished Service  
21 Cross or Navy Cross has been awarded.

22 (f) DEADLINE.—The review under subsection (a)  
23 shall terminate not later than five years after the date of  
24 the enactment of this Act.

25 (g) DEFINITIONS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—In this section:

2 (A) AFRICAN AMERICAN VETERAN.—The  
3 term “African American veteran” means any  
4 person who served in the United States Armed  
5 Forces between June 25, 1950, and July 27,  
6 1953, and who identified himself as of African  
7 descent on his military personnel records.

8 (B) ASIAN AMERICAN WAR VETERAN.—  
9 The term “Asian American veteran” means any  
10 person who served in the United States Armed  
11 Forces between June 25, 1950, and July 27,  
12 1953, and who identified himself racially, na-  
13 tionally, or ethnically as originating from a  
14 country in Asia on his military personnel  
15 records.

16 (C) HISPANIC AMERICAN WAR VETERAN.—  
17 The term “Hispanic American veteran” means  
18 any person who served in the United States  
19 Armed Forces between June 25, 1950, and  
20 July 27, 1953, and who identified himself ra-  
21 cially, nationally, or ethnically as originating  
22 from a country where Spanish is an official lan-  
23 guage on his military personnel records.

24 (D) JEWISH AMERICAN WAR VETERAN.—  
25 The term “Jewish American veteran” mean any

1 person who served in the United States Armed  
2 Forces between June 25, 1950, and July 27,  
3 1953, and who identified himself as Jewish on  
4 his military personnel records.

5 (E) NATIVE AMERICAN WAR VETERAN.—  
6 The term “Native American veteran” means  
7 any person who served in the United States  
8 Armed Forces between June 25, 1950, and  
9 July 27, 1953, and who identified himself as a  
10 member of a federally recognized tribe within  
11 the modern territory of the United States on  
12 his military personnel records.

13 (F) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term  
14 “Secretary concerned” means—

15 (i) the Secretary of the Army, in the  
16 case of members of the Armed Forces who  
17 served in the Army between June 25,  
18 1950, and July 27, 1953;

19 (ii) the Secretary of the Navy, in the  
20 case of members of the Armed Forces who  
21 served in the Navy or the Marine Corps  
22 between June 25, 1950, and July 27,  
23 1953; and

24 (iii) the Secretary of the Air Force, in  
25 the case of members of the Armed Forces

1                   who served in the Air Force between June  
2                   25, 1950, and July 27, 1953.

3                   (2) APPLICATION OF DEFINITIONS OF ORI-  
4                   GIN.—If the military personnel records of a person  
5                   do not reflect the person’s membership in one of the  
6                   groups identified in subparagraphs (B) through (F)  
7                   of paragraph (1) but historical evidence exists that  
8                   demonstrates the person’s Jewish faith held at the  
9                   time of service, or that the person identified himself  
10                  as of African, Asian, Hispanic, or Native American  
11                  descent, the person may be treated as being a mem-  
12                  ber of the applicable group by the Secretary con-  
13                  cerned for purposes of this section.

