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OFFERED BY MR. LYNCH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Add at the end of title LX the following new section:

SEC. 60. HEALTH CARE AND BENEFITS FOR VETERANS EXPOSED TO TOXIC SUBSTANCES WHILE SERVING AT KARSHI KHANABAD AIR BASE, UZBEKISTAN.

(a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section 1110 of title 38, United States Code, and subject to section 1113 of such title, a disease specified in subsection (b) becoming manifest in a veteran who served on active duty in the Armed Forces at Karshi Khanabad Air Base, Uzbekistan, at any time during the period beginning on January 1, 2001, and ending on December 31, 2005, shall be considered to have been incurred in or aggravated by such service, notwithstanding that there is no record of evidence of such disease during the period of such service.

(b) DISEASES SPECIFIED.—The diseases specified in this subsection are the illnesses and diseases that the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine determine have a positive association, including a suffi-
cient, limited, or suggestive association, with exposure to any of the following substances:

(1) Jet fuel.

(2) Volatile organic compounds.

(3) High levels of particulate matter and dust resulting from open burn pits, as defined in section 201(e) of the Dignified Burial and Other Veterans’ Benefits Improvement Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–260; 38 U.S.C. 527 note).

(4) Depleted uranium.

(5) Asbestos.

(6) Lead-based paint.

(e) Health Care for Veterans Exposed to Toxic Substances While Serving as Members of the Armed Forces at Karshi Khanabad Air Base, Uzbekistan.—Section 1710(e) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(G) A veteran who served on active duty in the Armed Forces at Karshi Khanabad Air Base, Uzbekistan, during the period beginning on January 1, 2001, and ending on December 31, 2005, is eligible for hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care under subsection (a)(2)(F) for any illness or disease for which the National
Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine determine has a positive association, including a sufficient, limited, or suggestive association, with exposure to any of the following substances, notwithstanding that there is insufficient medical evidence to conclude that such illness or disease is attributable to such service:

“(i) Jet fuel.
“(ii) Volatile organic compounds.
“(iii) High levels of particulate matter and dust resulting from open burn pits, as defined in section 201(c) of the Dignified Burial and Other Veterans’ Benefits Improvement Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–260; 38 U.S.C. 527 note).
“(iv) Depleted uranium.
“(v) Asbestos.
“(vi) Lead-based paint.”; and

(2) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “or (F)” and inserting “(F), or (G)”.