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At the end of subtitle C of title XVIII, add the following new section:

SEC. 18. PROGRAM TO PERMIT NONCITIZENS WHO SERVE IN ARMED FORCES TO APPLY FOR NATURALIZATION.

(a) PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—The Secretary of Homeland Security, acting through the Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, shall jointly implement a program to ensure that—

(1) each eligible noncitizen is afforded the opportunity to file an application for naturalization at any point on or after their first day of service on active duty or first day of service as a member of the Selected Reserve pursuant to section 329 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1440); and

(2) the duly authenticated certification (or any other successor form) required under section 329(b)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1140(b)(3)) is issued to each noncitizen not
later than 30 days after the individual makes a request for such certification.

(b) ELIGIBLE NONCITIZEN DEFINED.—In this section, the term “eligible noncitizen” means an alien or noncitizen who has served honorably as a member of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve or in an active-duty status in the military, air, or naval forces of the United States during any period that the President by Executive Order has designated as a period during which the Armed Forces of the United States are or were engaged in military operations involving armed conflict with a hostile foreign force.