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

1 **SEC. 18__.** **PROGRAM TO PERMIT NONCITIZENS WHO**
2 **SERVE IN ARMED FORCES TO APPLY FOR**
3 **NATURALIZATION.**

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

9 (1) each eligible noncitizen is afforded the op-
10 portunity to file an application for naturalization at
11 any point on or after their first day of service on ac-
12 tive duty or first day of service as a member of the
13 Selected Reserve pursuant to section 329 of the Im-
14 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1440); and

15 (2) the duly authenticated certification (or any
16 other successor form) required under section
17 329(b)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
18 U.S.C. 1140(b)(3)) is issued to each noncitizen not

1 later than 30 days after the individual makes a re-
2 quest for such certification.

3 (b) ELIGIBLE NONCITIZEN DEFINED.—In this sec-
4 tion, the term “eligible noncitizen” means an alien or non-
5 citizen who has served honorably as a member of the Se-
6 lected Reserve of the Ready Reserve or in an active-duty
7 status in the military, air, or naval forces of the United
8 States during any period that the President by Executive
9 Order has designated as a period during which the Armed
10 Forces of the United States are or were engaged in mili-
11 tary operations involving armed conflict with a hostile for-
12 eign force.

