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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5669

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 22, 2006

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. MILLER of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. MEDAL OF HONOR SPECIAL PENSION.**

4       (a) INCREASE IN RATE OF SPECIAL PENSION.—Sub-  
5       section (a) of section 1562 of title 38, United States Code,  
6       is amended by striking “\$1,000” and inserting “\$2,000”.

7       (b) SPECIAL PENSION FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES.—

1           (1) SURVIVING SPOUSE BENEFIT.—Such sub-  
2 section is further amended—

3                   (A) by inserting “(1)” after “(a)”; and

4                   (B) by adding at the end the following new  
5 paragraph:

6           “(2) The Secretary shall pay special pension under  
7 this section to the surviving spouse of a person who was  
8 awarded a Medal of Honor as described in section 1560(b)  
9 of this title. However, no special pension shall be paid to  
10 a surviving spouse of a person under this section unless  
11 such surviving spouse was married to such person—

12                   “(A) for one year or more; or

13                   “(B) for any period of time if a child was born  
14 of the marriage, or was born to them before the  
15 marriage.”.

16           (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

17                   (A) Subsection (d) of such section is  
18 amended by inserting “or married to more than  
19 one person who has been awarded the Medal of  
20 Honor,” after “Honor,”.

21                   (B) Subsection (f)(1) of such section is  
22 amended by striking “this section” and insert-  
23 ing “subsection (a)(1)”.

1           (C) Section 103(d)(5) of such title is  
2           amended by adding at the end the following  
3           new subparagraph:

4           “(E) Section 1562(a)(2), relating to Medal of  
5           Honor special pension.”.

6           (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
7           this section shall apply with respect to payment of pension  
8           under section 1562 of title 38, United States Code, for  
9           months beginning after the date of the enactment of this  
10          Act.

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