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To establish a congressional commemorative medal for veterans of the Battle of Midway.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VOLKMER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs

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. PURPOSE.**

4 The purposes of this Act are—

5 (1) to commemorate the sacrifices made and
6 service rendered to the United States by those veter-
7 ans of the Armed Forces of the United States who
8 defended Midway Island against attack by the Japa-
9 nese on June 4 through June 6, 1942; and

1 (2) to honor those veterans on an anniversary
2 of the Battle of Midway.

3 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL.**

4 The Secretary of the Treasury shall design and strike
5 a bronze medal 1½ inches in diameter with suitable em-
6 blems, devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the
7 Secretary, in commemoration of the sacrifices made and
8 service rendered to the United States by veterans of the
9 Armed Forces of the United States who meet the criteria
10 specified in section 3(a).

11 **SEC. 3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.**

12 (a) CRITERIA.—To be eligible for the medal referred
13 to in section 2, an individual shall have been a member
14 of the Armed Forces of the United States who was present
15 during the Battle of Midway on June 4 through June 6,
16 1942, and who participated in combat operations on those
17 days against the Japanese military forces attacking Mid-
18 way Island. An individual who was killed or wounded in
19 that battle shall be deemed to have participated in the
20 combat operations.

21 (b) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 1 year after the
22 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
23 shall determine through the documentation provided under
24 subsection (b) and, if necessary, independent investiga-
25 tion, whether an individual meets the criteria specified in

1 subsection (a) and shall certify to the Speaker of the
2 House of Representatives and the President pro tempore
3 of the Senate the names of individuals who meet the cri-
4 teria specified in subsection (a).

5 (c) DOCUMENTATION.—To be certified under sub-
6 section (b), an eligible individual shall present to the Sec-
7 retary of Defense an application with any documentation
8 the individual may have to support the individual's eligi-
9 bility.

10 (d) NEXT OF KIN.—One or more next of kin of a
11 deceased, eligible individual may file an application and
12 present documentation under subsection (c) on behalf of
13 such individual. If the Secretary of Defense certifies that
14 the deceased, eligible individual meets the criteria specified
15 by subsection (a), then the Secretary shall designate a
16 next of kin who filed an application to receive the medal.

17 **SEC. 4. PRESENTATION.**

18 The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
19 President pro tempore of the Senate shall jointly present
20 a medal, on behalf of the Congress, to each individual cer-
21 tified and next of kin designated by the Secretary of De-
22 fense pursuant to section 3. The presentation shall be
23 made as close as feasible to an anniversary of the Battle
24 of Midway.

1 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

2 The medals struck pursuant to this Act are national
3 medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United
4 States Code.

5 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

6 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
7 as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

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