

119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 7211

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 4, 2026

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## AN ACT

To authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to John W. Ripley for acts of valor during the Vietnam War, and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARD OF MEDAL OF**  
2 **HONOR TO JOHN W. RIPLEY FOR ACTS OF**  
3 **VALOR AS A MEMBER OF THE MARINE CORPS**  
4 **DURING THE VIETNAM WAR.**

5 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding the time lim-  
6 itations specified in sections 8298(a) and 8300 of title 10,  
7 United States Code, or any other time limitation with re-  
8 spect to the awarding of certain medals to persons who  
9 served in the Armed Forces, the President is authorized  
10 to award the Medal of Honor, under section 8291 of such  
11 title, to John W. Ripley for the acts of valor described  
12 in subsection (b).

13 (b) ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor  
14 described in this subsection are the actions of John W.  
15 Ripley, as a member of the Marine Corps, on April 2,  
16 1972, during the Vietnam War, for which he was pre-  
17 viously awarded the Navy Cross.

Passed the House of Representatives February 3,  
2026.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
*Clerk.*