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H. R. 4588

To establish the Abraham Lincoln Medal for Public Sacrifice, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 7, 2017

Mr. COOK (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. O'HALLERAN, and Mr. THOMPSON of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

To establish the Abraham Lincoln Medal for Public Sacrifice, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Abraham Lincoln
5 Medal for Public Sacrifice Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT.**

7 (a) MEDAL ESTABLISHED.—There is established a
8 medal referred to as the “Abraham Lincoln Medal for
9 Public Sacrifice”.

1 (b) AWARD.—The President shall award the medal
2 established under subsection (a) to each qualified indi-
3 vidual whom the President determines to be wounded or
4 killed on or after the date of the enactment of this Act
5 in circumstances in which the death or wound is—

6 (1) the result of an attack—

7 (A) targeted on the qualified individual as
8 a result of the status of such qualified indi-
9 vidual as an officer or employee of the Federal
10 Government; or

11 (B) that occurs while the qualified indi-
12 vidual is acting in an official capacity as an of-
13 ficer or employee of the Federal Government;
14 and

15 (2) not the result of willful misconduct or neg-
16 ligence of such qualified individual.

17 (c) SPECIAL AUTHORITY FOR RETROACTIVE
18 AWARD.—The President may award the medal established
19 under subsection (a) to qualified individuals wounded or
20 killed prior to the date of the enactment of this Act in
21 circumstances listed in subsection (b).

22 (d) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—The Secretary of the
23 Treasury shall design and strike the medal established
24 under subsection (a) with suitable emblems, devices, and

1 inscriptions, and ensure that the medal does not closely
2 resemble the Purple Heart.

3 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

4 (1) QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “quali-
5 fied individual” means an officer or employee of the
6 Federal Government other than a member of the
7 armed forces.

8 (2) ARMED FORCES.—The term “armed forces”
9 has the meaning given the term in section 2101 of
10 title 5, United States Code.

11 (3) EMPLOYEE.—The term “employee” has the
12 meaning given the term in section 2105 of title 5,
13 United States Code.

14 (4) OFFICER.—The term “officer” has the
15 meaning given the term in section 2104 of title 5,
16 United States Code.

17 (5) WOUND.—The term “wound” means an in-
18 jury to any part of the body directly from an outside
19 force or agent that requires medical treatment.

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