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To direct the Secretaries of the military departments to conduct a review of military service records to determine whether certain Jewish American war veterans, including those previously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, or Air Force Cross, should be awarded the Medal of Honor.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2001

Mr. WEXLER (for himself, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. CROWLEY, and Mr. CANTOR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Leonard Kravitz Jew-
5 ish War Veterans Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. REVIEW REGARDING AWARD OF CONGRESSIONAL**
2 **MEDAL OF HONOR TO CERTAIN JEWISH**
3 **AMERICAN WAR VETERANS.**

4 (a) REVIEW REQUIRED.—The Secretary of each mili-
5 tary department shall review the service records of each
6 Jewish American war veteran described in subsection (b)
7 to determine whether that veteran should be awarded the
8 Medal of Honor.

9 (b) COVERED JEWISH AMERICAN WAR VETERANS.—
10 The Jewish American war veterans whose service records
11 are to be reviewed under subsection (a) are the following:

12 (1) Any Jewish American war veteran who was
13 previously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross,
14 the Navy Cross, or the Air Force Cross.

15 (2) Any other Jewish American war veteran
16 whose name is submitted to the Secretary concerned
17 for such purpose by the Jewish War Veterans of the
18 United States of America before the end of the one-
19 year period beginning on the date of the enactment
20 of this Act.

21 (c) CONSULTATIONS.—In carrying out the review
22 under subsection (a), the Secretary of each military de-
23 partment shall consult with the Jewish War Veterans of
24 the United States of America and with such other veterans
25 service organizations as the Secretary considers appro-
26 priate.

1 (d) RECOMMENDATION BASED ON REVIEW.—If the
2 Secretary concerned determines, based upon the review
3 under subsection (a) of the service records of any Jewish
4 American war veteran, that the award of the Medal of
5 Honor to that veteran is warranted, the Secretary shall
6 submit to the President a recommendation that the Presi-
7 dent award the Medal of Honor to that veteran.

8 (e) AUTHORITY TO AWARD MEDAL OF HONOR.—A
9 Medal of Honor may be awarded to a Jewish American
10 war veteran in accordance with a recommendation of the
11 Secretary concerned under subsection (a).

12 (f) WAIVER OF TIME LIMITATIONS.—An award of
13 the Medal of Honor may be made under subsection (e)
14 without regard to—

15 (1) section 3744, 6248, or 8744 of title 10,
16 United States Code, as applicable; and

17 (2) any regulation or other administrative re-
18 striction on—

19 (A) the time for awarding the Medal of
20 Honor; or

21 (B) the awarding of the Medal of Honor
22 for service for which a Distinguished Service
23 Cross, Navy Cross, Air Force Cross, or any
24 other decoration has been awarded.

1 (g) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
2 term “Jewish American war veteran” means any person
3 who served in the Armed Forces during World War II or
4 a later period of war and who identified himself or herself
5 as Jewish on his or her military personnel records.

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