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H. R. 671

To direct the Secretary of Defense to issue a medal to certain veterans who died after their service in the Vietnam War as a direct result of that service.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 26, 2009

Mr. FILNER 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 “In Memory Medal for
5 Forgotten Veterans Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDAL TO HONOR VETERANS WHO DIED AS A RE-**
2 **SULT OF THEIR SERVICE IN THE VIETNAM**
3 **WAR.**

4 (a) **MEDAL AUTHORIZED.**—There is established a
5 medal, to be known as the “Jesus (Chuchi) Salgado
6 Medal”, to be issued by the Secretary of Defense for each
7 veteran of the Vietnam War who died after serving in the
8 war, but whose death is determined by the Secretary of
9 Defense to be a direct result of that service, and whose
10 name is not eligible for placement on the Vietnam Vet-
11 erans Memorial authorized under Public Law 96–297 (16
12 U.S.C. 431 note).

13 (b) **APPLICATION AND DESIGN.**—The Jesus (Chuchi)
14 Salgado Medal shall be issued upon receipt by the Sec-
15 retary of Defense of an application for such medal, sub-
16 mitted in accordance with such regulations as the Sec-
17 retary prescribes. The medal shall be of an appropriate
18 design approved by the Secretary.

19 (c) **ISSUANCE TO REPRESENTATIVE OF DE-**
20 **CEASED.**—A Jesus (Chuchi) Salgado Medal issued for a
21 veteran described in subsection (a) shall be issued to the
22 next-of-kin or representative of such veteran, as des-
23 ignated by the Secretary of Defense.

24 (d) **ASSISTANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
25 **ERANS AFFAIRS.**—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
26 make available to the Secretary of Defense such records,

1 and otherwise provide such assistance, as the Secretary
2 of Defense may require for purposes of this section.

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