

117TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 104

To authorize the Maritime Administrator to use certain appropriated funds to purchase duplicate medals authorized under Merchant Mariners of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2020, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 2021

Mr. GARAMENDI (for himself and Mr. YOUNG) 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. AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE DUPLICATE**
4 **MEDALS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation,
6 acting through the Administrator, may use funds appro-
7 priated for the fiscal year in which the date of the enact-
8 ment of this Act occurs, or funds appropriated for any

1 prior fiscal year, for the Maritime Administration to pur-
 2 chase duplicate medals authorized under the Merchant
 3 Mariners of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act
 4 of 2020 (Public Law 116–125) and provide such medals
 5 to eligible individuals who engaged in qualified service who
 6 submit an application under subsection (b) and were
 7 United States merchant mariners of World War II.

8 (b) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a medal
 9 described in subsection (a), an eligible individual who en-
 10 gaged in qualified service shall submit to the Adminis-
 11 trator an application containing such information and as-
 12 surances as the Administrator may require.

13 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

14 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
 15 trator” means the Maritime Administrator.

16 (2) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL WHO ENGAGED IN
 17 QUALIFIED SERVICE.—The term “eligible individual
 18 who engaged in qualified service” means an indi-
 19 vidual who, between December 7, 1941, and Decem-
 20 ber 31, 1946—

21 (A) was a member of the United States
 22 merchant marine, including the Army Trans-
 23 port Service and the Navy Transport Service,
 24 serving as a crewmember of a vessel that was—

1 (i) operated by the War Shipping Ad-
2 ministration, the Office of Defense Trans-
3 portation, or an agent of such depart-
4 ments;

5 (ii) operated in waters other than in-
6 land waters, the Great Lakes, and other
7 lakes, bays, or harbors of the United
8 States;

9 (iii) under contract or charter to, or
10 property of, the Government of the United
11 States; and

12 (iv) serving in the Armed Forces; and

13 (B) while so serving, was licensed or other-
14 wise documented for service as a crewmember
15 of such a vessel by an officer or employee of the
16 United States authorized to license or document
17 the person for such service.

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