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H. R. 2568

To amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize and honor the service of individuals who served in the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 15, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS (for herself, Mrs. AXNE, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. COOPER, Ms. HOULAHAN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. CUELLAR, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. KUSTER, Mrs. LURIA, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. NEAL, Ms. STEFANIK, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. MORELLE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “United States Cadet
3 Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act of 2021”.

4 **SEC. 2. RECOGNITION AND HONORING OF SERVICE OF IN-**
5 **DIVIDUALS WHO SERVED IN UNITED STATES**
6 **CADET NURSE CORPS DURING WORLD WAR**
7 **II.**

8 Section 106 of title 38, United States Code, is
9 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
10 section:

11 “(g)(1)(A) Service as a member of the United States
12 Cadet Nurse Corps during the period beginning on July
13 1, 1943, and ending on December 31, 1948, of any indi-
14 vidual who was honorably discharged therefrom pursuant
15 to subparagraph (B) shall be considered active duty for
16 purposes of eligibility and entitlement to headstones,
17 markers, and other benefits under chapters 23 and 24 of
18 this title, other than such benefits relating to the inter-
19 ment or inurnment of the individual in Arlington National
20 Cemetery solely by reason of such service.

21 “(B)(i) Not later than one year after the date of the
22 enactment of this subsection, the Secretary of Defense
23 shall issue to each individual who served as a member of
24 the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during the period
25 beginning on July 1, 1943, and ending on December 31,
26 1948, a discharge from such service under honorable con-

1 ditions if the Secretary determines that the nature and
2 duration of the service of the individual so warrants.

3 “(ii) A discharge under clause (i) shall designate the
4 date of discharge. The date of discharge shall be the date,
5 as determined by the Secretary, of the termination of serv-
6 ice of the individual concerned as described in that clause.

7 “(2) An individual who receives a discharge under
8 paragraph (1)(B) for service as a member of the United
9 States Cadet Nurse Corps shall be honored as a veteran
10 but shall not be entitled by reason of such service to any
11 benefit under a law administered by the Secretary of Vet-
12 erans Affairs, except as provided in paragraph (1)(A).

13 “(3) The Secretary of Defense may design and
14 produce a service medal, memorial plaque or gravemarker,
15 or other commendation to honor individuals who receive
16 a discharge under paragraph (1)(B).”.

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