

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3492

To amend title 10, United States Code, to extend certain morale, welfare,
and recreation privileges to recipients of the gold star lapel button.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 25, 2021

Mr. ESPAILLAT (for himself and Ms. SALAZAR) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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morale, welfare, and recreation privileges to recipients
of the gold star lapel button.

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 “Gold Star Families
5 Benefits Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN MORALE, WELFARE, AND**
 2 **RECREATION PRIVILEGES TO CERTAIN RE-**
 3 **CIPIENTS OF THE GOLD STAR LAPEL BUTTON**
 4 **OR NEXT OF KIN DECEASED PERSONNEL**
 5 **LAPEL BUTTON.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 54 of title 10, United
 7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 8 lowing new section:

9 **“§ 1067. Use of commissary stores and MWR facilities:**
 10 **certain recipients of the gold star lapel**
 11 **button or next of kin deceased personnel**
 12 **lapel button**

13 “(a) ELIGIBILITY.—A covered individual shall be per-
 14 mitted to use commissary stores and MWR retail facilities
 15 on the same basis as a member of the armed forces on
 16 active duty.

17 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 “(1) The term ‘covered individual’ means an
 19 adult individual who—

20 “(A) is the surviving child of a member;
 21 and

22 “(B) who has received a gold star lapel
 23 button under section 1126 of this title or a next
 24 of kin deceased personnel lapel button.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 54 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“1067. Use of commissary stores and MWR facilities: certain recipients of the gold star lapel button or next of kin deceased personnel lapel button.”.