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GOLD STAR FAMILIES VOICES ACT

Prime Sponsor: Mr. Christopher H. Smith (NJ)
H.R. 4511 – Signed by the President on November 28, 2016

One Hundred Fourteenth Congress
of the
United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday,
the fourth day of January, two thousand and sixteen*

An Act

To amend the Veterans' Oral History Project Act to allow the collection of video and audio recordings of biographical histories by immediate family members of members of the Armed Forces who died as a result of their service during a period of war.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Gold Star Families Voices Act".

**SEC. 2. COLLECTION OF VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDINGS OF
BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORIES BY IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEM-
BERS OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO DIED AS
A RESULT OF THEIR SERVICE DURING A PERIOD OF WAR.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Paragraph (1) of section 3(a) of the Veterans' Oral History Project Act (20 U.S.C. 2142(a)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

“(1) to collect video and audio recordings of—

“(A) personal histories and testimonials of veterans of the Armed Forces who served during a period of war; and

“(B) biographical histories by immediate family members of members of the Armed Forces who became missing in action or died as a result of their service during a period of war;”.

(b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section 3 of the Veterans' Oral History Project Act (20 U.S.C. 2142) is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(d) **DEFINITION OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER.**—For purposes of subsection (a), the term ‘immediate family member’ means a parent, spouse, sibling, or child.”.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*