

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2586, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. STUMP OF ARIZONA**

At the end of subtitle E of title V (page 161, after line 12), insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____.** **SENSE OF CONGRESS ON NEW MEDAL TO RECOG-**
2 **NIZE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPART-**
3 **MENT OF DEFENSE KILLED OR WOUNDED AS**
4 **A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
6 ings:

7 (1) The role and importance of civilian nation-
8 als of the United States as Federal employees and
9 contractors in support of operations of the Armed
10 Forces worldwide has continued to expand.

11 (2) The expanded role performed by those civil-
12 ians, both in the United States and overseas, has
13 greatly increased the risk to those civilians of injury
14 and death from hostile actions taken against United
15 States Armed Forces, as demonstrated by the ter-
16 rorist attack on the Pentagon on September 11,
17 2001, in which scores of Department of Defense ci-
18 vilian and contractor personnel were killed or
19 wounded.



1 (3) No decoration exists for the recognition of
2 civilian nationals of the United States who, while
3 serving under competent authority in any capacity
4 with the Armed Forces, are killed or wounded in the
5 line of duty under circumstances which, if they were
6 members of the Armed Forces, would qualify them
7 for the award of the Purple Heart.

8 (4) Both the Congress and the Secretary of De-
9 fense have previously agreed to the need for such a
10 decoration.

11 (5) On September 20, 2001, the Deputy Sec-
12 retary of Defense approved the creation of a new
13 award, a medal for the defense of freedom, to be
14 awarded to civilians employed by the Department of
15 Defense who are killed or wounded as a result of
16 hostile action and at the same time directed that a
17 comprehensive review be conducted to develop a
18 more uniform approach to the award of decorations
19 to military and civilian personnel of the Department
20 of Defense.

21 (b) COMMENDATION OF CREATION OF NEW
22 AWARD.—Congress commends the decision announced by
23 the Deputy Secretary of Defense on September 20, 2001,
24 to approve the creation of a new award, a medal for the
25 defense of freedom, to be awarded to civilians employed



1 by the Department of Defense who are killed or wounded
2 as a result of hostile action.

3 (c) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
4 gress that the Secretary of Defense—

5 (1) should move expeditiously to produce and
6 award the new medal referred to in subsection (b);
7 and

8 (2) should develop a more comprehensive, uni-
9 form policy for the award of decorations to military
10 and civilian personnel of the Department of Defense.

