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**H.Con.Res. 47 – Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Medal of Honor Day to celebrate and Honor the recipients of the Medal of Honor.**

**Floor Situation**

H.Con.Res. 47 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Ike Skelton (D-MO) on January 30, 2007, and has not been considered by any committee in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress.

H.Con.Res. 47 is expected to be considered on the floor on February 27, 2007.

*\*Note: Ranking member Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-CA) is an original co-sponsor of this legislation.*

**Summary**

H.Con.Res. 47 establishes March 25 as an appropriate date to observe National Medal of Honor Day.

H.Con.Res. 47 resolves that Congress:

- Recognizes the heroism and sacrifice of Medal of Honor recipients for the United States
- Recognizes the educational opportunity that a National Medal of Honor Day would present to the American public; and
- Supports the goals and ideals of a National Medal of Honor Day to celebrate and honor the contributions of Medal of Honor recipients.

**Background**

The Medal of Honor is the highest award that can be bestowed to a member of the Armed Forces for valor in action against an enemy force.

The Medal of Honor is awarded by the President, to members of the Armed Forces who have distinguished themselves conspicuously by their gallantry at the risk of their lives above and beyond the call of duty.

The Medal of Honor was first awarded on March 25, 1863, during the Civil War.

Of the millions of men and women who have served in the Armed Forces in war, military operations, or other armed conflicts, only 3,443 members have thus far been awarded the Medal of Honor.

111 Medal of Honor recipients are still living as of January 1, 2007.

Since Vietnam there have been four Medals of Honor awarded posthumously; two for action in Somalia and two during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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