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1ST SESSION

H. R. 2871

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for punishment for killing
a member of the Armed Forces of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 15, 2009

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was
referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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ishment for killing a member of the Armed Forces of
the United States.

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 “Captain Scott Corwin
5 Armed Forces Protection Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. DECLARATION OF PURPOSE.**

7 Congress hereby declares that the protection of mem-
8 bers of the Armed Forces from violent crime is important
9 to maintain public safety. In recognition of this need, Con-
10 gress hereby recognizes the sacrifice made by Captain

1 Scott Corwin, West Point class of 1999, who was mur-
2 dered.

3 **SEC. 3. PROTECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
4 **FORCES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 51 of title 18, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing:

8 **“§ 1123. Murder of member of the Armed Forces**

9 “Whoever kills, or conspires or attempts to kill, any
10 member of the Armed Forces of the United States, shall
11 be punished—

12 “(1) in the case of murder, as provided under
13 section 1111;

14 “(2) in the case of manslaughter, as provided
15 under section 1112;

16 “(3) in the case of attempted murder or man-
17 slaughter, as provided under section 1113; or

18 “(4) in the case of conspiracy to commit mur-
19 der, as provided under section 1117.”.

20 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
21 for such chapter is amended by adding at the end the fol-
22 lowing:

“1123. Murder of member of the Armed Forces.”.

23 **SEC. 4. ADDITION OF AGGRAVATING FACTOR.**

24 Section 3592(c) of title 18, United States Code, is
25 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(17) KILLING OF MEMBER OF THE ARMED
2 FORCES.—The defendant killed or attempted to kill
3 a member of the Armed Forces of the United
4 States.”.

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