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S. 4535

To authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to Waverly B. Woodson, Jr., for acts of valor during World War II.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. HARRIS, and Mr. BOOKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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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. AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARD OF THE MEDAL**
4 **OF HONOR TO WAVERLY B. WOODSON, JR.,**
5 **FOR ACTS OF VALOR DURING WORLD WAR II.**

6 (a) **WAIVER OF TIME LIMITATIONS.**—Notwith-
7 standing the time limitations specified in section 7274 of
8 title 10, United States Code, or any other time limitation
9 with respect to the awarding of certain medals to persons

1 who served in the Armed Forces, the President may award
2 the Medal of Honor under section 7271 of such title to
3 Waverly B. Woodson, Jr., for the acts of valor during
4 World War II described in subsection (b).

5 (b) ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor
6 referred to in subsection (a) are the actions of Waverly
7 B. Woodson, Jr., on June 6, 1944, at Omaha Beach when,
8 as a Corporal in the 320th Barrage Balloon Battalion, he
9 saved the lives of dozens, if not hundreds, of his fellow
10 soldiers over the course of 30 hours, despite being struck
11 by shrapnel while aboard his Landing Craft Tank and
12 wounded in his groin and back, actions for which the his-
13 torical record indicates General John C.H. Lee rec-
14 ommended Corporal Woodson be awarded the Medal of
15 Honor.

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