

HOUSE BILL NO. 244

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE JOINT ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

Introduced: 4/30/07

Referred: Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act creating an Alaska Medal of Honor and establishing criteria for awarding the
2 medal."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 26.05.190 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (e) The adjutant general shall maintain the Alaska Medal of Honor Roll.

6 * **Sec. 2.** AS 26.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

7 **Sec. 26.05.342. Alaska Medal of Honor.** (a) There is created an Alaska Medal
8 of Honor. The Alaska Medal of Honor may be awarded to an individual who has been
9 killed in action while

10 (1) engaged in an action against any enemy of the United States;

11 (2) engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing
12 foreign force;

13 (3) serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict
14 against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party;

1 or

2 (4) serving in or deploying to or from a combat zone as designated by
3 presidential order.

4 (b) To be eligible to receive the Alaska Medal of Honor, an individual must
5 have been, at the time the individual was killed in action, a member of

6 (1) the Alaska National Guard who was a legal resident of the state;

7 (2) the United States military reserves who was a legal resident of the
8 state; or

9 (3) the regular United States armed forces who was

10 (A) a legal resident of the state; or

11 (B) stationed in the state by a proper order of the United States
12 Department of Defense.

13 (c) The Alaska Medal of Honor shall be awarded by a concurrent resolution
14 drafted in consultation with the adjutant general's office. The resolution must be

15 (1) introduced by the president of the senate, the speaker of the house
16 of representatives, a member of the legislature who is the authorized representative of
17 the president of the senate or the speaker of the house of representatives, or the chair
18 of the committee of each house of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over
19 military and veterans' affairs; and

20 (2) adopted by both houses of the legislature.

21 (d) The Joint Armed Services Committee shall make arrangements for the
22 designing and awarding of the Alaska Medal of Honor.

23 (e) The adjutant general shall enter the name of each recipient of the Alaska
24 Medal of Honor on the Alaska Medal of Honor Roll maintained under
25 AS 26.05.190(e).