

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3215**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Chris Walsh*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act giving a veteran bonus to regular soldiers having been on active duty in support of the Persian Gulf War.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2013</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2013</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2013</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2013</i>

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By Mr. Walsh of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3215) of Chris Walsh and others relative to providing veterans' bonuses to certain regular soldiers who served on active duty in support of the Persian Gulf War. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3099 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act giving a veteran bonus to regular soldiers having been on active duty in support of the Persian Gulf War.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 115 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting at the end  
2 thereof the following section:-

3 (a) Whereas during the Persian Gulf war non National Guard, Air National Guard or  
4 Reservists did not receive a bonus unless awarded the Southwest Asia Service Medal and  
5 whereas the soldiers who did not receive a bonus deserve to be rewarded for their in-theater  
6 service in said war. That all regular soldiers who fought in the Persian Gulf War but did not  
7 receive a bonus shall receive a bonus equal to the amount that was awarded to National Guard,  
8 Air National Guard or Reservists in the same capacity.