

HOUSE No. 4279

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brian W. Murray and Michael J. Soter

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 creating a medal of loyalty for families of veterans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>9/4/2019</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>9/6/2019</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>9/10/2019</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>9/10/2019</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>9/10/2019</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>9/11/2019</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/12/2019</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>9/12/2019</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/12/2019</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>9/12/2019</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>9/12/2019</i>

<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>	<i>9/12/2019</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>9/12/2019</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/12/2019</i>

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By Messrs. Murray of Milford and Soter of Bellingham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brian W. Murray, Michael J. Soter and others for legislation to establish a medal of loyalty for the next of kin of certain service members who died in service while in the line of duty or who died as a result of wounds received in service while in the line of duty. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act creating a medal of loyalty for families of veterans.

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

1 Chapter 33 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 67A the following section:-

3 Section 67B. There shall be a medal of loyalty, which shall be awarded to the next of kin
4 of service men and women from the commonwealth who died in service while in the line of duty
5 or who died as a result of wounds received in service while in the line of duty, but not
6 necessarily while in combat, in a war zone or as a result of action of an enemy. The adjutant
7 general and 2 field grade officers of the armed forces of the commonwealth detailed by the
8 commander-in-chief shall constitute a commission to make recommendations to the commander-
9 in-chief for the awarding of the medal of loyalty.