

SENATE No. 33

To accompany the petition of William C. Geary that provision be made for the issuance of a suitable medal by the Commonwealth to persons who served in the armed forces of the United States during World War II and received the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Purple Heart or other citation. Military Affairs and Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Eight.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE BY THE COMMONWEALTH TO PERSONS WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES DURING WORLD WAR II AND RECEIVED THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR, THE PURPLE HEART OR OTHER CITATION, OF A SUITABLE MEDAL.

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

1 In recognition of and as a token of the common-
2 wealth's regard for the heroic services in the armed
3 forces of the United States during World War II of
4 those persons who enlisted from or who were other-
5 wise accredited to the commonwealth and whose
6 deeds of valor have been recognized by the awarding
7 to them of the congressional medal of honor, the order
8 of the Purple Heart or other medal or citation for

9 valor by the United States, the adjutant general, with
10 the approval of the governor and council, and after
11 an appropriation has been made therefor, shall pur-
12 chase and present to such persons, or to their next of
13 kin, if deceased, a suitable service cross or other medal.