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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve outreach by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to dependents of deceased veterans, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MRVAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Survivor Solid Start  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENTS TO OUTREACH BY THE SECRETARY**  
2 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO SURVIVING ELIGI-**  
3 **BLE DEPENDENTS.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Section 6307 of title 38,  
5 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
6 following new subsection:

7 “(c) OUTREACH SERVICES FOR SURVIVING ELIGIBLE  
8 DEPENDENTS.—(1)(A) Upon receipt of notification of the  
9 death of a person who served in the active military, naval,  
10 air, or space service, the Secretary, acting through the  
11 Under Secretary for Benefits, shall provide outreach serv-  
12 ices by telephone to each eligible dependent of such person  
13 not less than once each quarter calendar year until the  
14 eligible dependent files a claim for a benefit under laws  
15 administered by the Secretary.

16 “(B) In the case of an eligible dependent described  
17 in subparagraph (A) who is a minor child, the Secretary  
18 shall provide such outreach services to the legal guardian  
19 of the eligible dependent.

20 “(2) Outreach services under this subsection shall  
21 provide an eligible dependent with information including  
22 the following:

23 “(A) Contact information for the Office of Sur-  
24 vivors Assistance established under section 321 of  
25 this title.

1           “(B) Information regarding assistance in filing  
2 a claim for a benefit under laws administered by the  
3 Secretary furnished by—

4           “(i) a veterans service organization recog-  
5 nized under section 5902 of this title; or

6           “(ii) an attorney, agent, or other entity  
7 recognized under section 5904 of this title.

8           “(C) How to find an entity—

9           “(i) described in clause (i) or (ii) of sub-  
10 paragraph (B); and

11           “(ii) located near the residence of the eligi-  
12 ble dependent.

13           “(3) In developing and revising materials used in out-  
14 reach services under this subsection, the Secretary shall  
15 consult with entities including the following:

16           “(A) Veterans service organizations recognized  
17 under section 5902 of this title.

18           “(B) The Advisory Committee on Women Vet-  
19 erans established under section 542 of this title.

20           “(C) The Advisory Committee on Minority Vet-  
21 erans established under section 544 of this title.

22           “(D) The Veterans’ Family, Caregiver, and  
23 Survivor Advisory Committee of the Department, or  
24 successor advisory committee.”.

1           (b) PERSONNEL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
2 may establish not more than 10 full-time equivalent posi-  
3 tions at call centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs  
4 to carry out subsection (c) of section 6307 of such title,  
5 as added by subsection (a).