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To recognize and honor the service of individuals who served in the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. WARREN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KING, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. JONES, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “United States Cadet
5 Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. RECOGNITION AND HONORING OF SERVICE OF IN-**
2 **DIVIDUALS WHO SERVED IN UNITED STATES**
3 **CADET NURSE CORPS DURING WORLD WAR**

4 **II.**

5 (a) DETERMINATION OF ACTIVE MILITARY SERV-
6 ICE.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
8 shall be deemed to have determined under subpara-
9 graph (A) of section 401(a)(1) of the GI Bill Im-
10 provement Act of 1977 (Public Law 95–202; 38
11 U.S.C. 106 note) that the service of the organization
12 known as the United States Cadet Nurse Corps dur-
13 ing the period beginning on July 1, 1943, and end-
14 ing on December 31, 1948, constitutes active mili-
15 tary service.

16 (2) ISSUANCE OF DISCHARGE.—Not later than
17 one year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
18 the Secretary shall, pursuant to subparagraph (B) of
19 such section, issue to each member of such organiza-
20 tion a discharge from service of such organization
21 under honorable conditions where the nature and
22 duration of the service of such member so warrants.

23 (b) BENEFITS.—

24 (1) STATUS AS A VETERAN.—Except as other-
25 wise provided in this subsection, an individual who
26 receives a discharge under subsection (a)(2) for serv-

1 ice shall be honored as a veteran but shall not be en-
2 titled by reason of such service to any benefit under
3 a law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Af-
4 fairs.

5 (2) BURIAL BENEFITS.—Service for which an
6 individual receives a discharge under subsection
7 (a)(2) shall be considered service in the active mili-
8 tary, naval, or air service (as defined in section 101
9 of title 38, United States Code) for purposes of eligi-
10 bility and entitlement to benefits under chapters 23
11 and 24 of title 38, United States Code.

12 (3) MEDALS OR OTHER COMMENDATIONS.—The
13 Secretary of Defense may design and produce a
14 service medal or other commendation to honor indi-
15 viduals who receive a discharge under subsection
16 (a)(2).

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