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CONGRESSMAN PITTENGER: ONLY COWARDS SEEK GAIN BY PRETENDING TO BE WAR HEROES

WASHINGTON – Congressman Robert Pittenger (NC-09) voted on Monday for passage of the *Stolen Valor Act of 2013* (H.R. 258), which punishes those who seek dishonest gain by falsely claiming to be decorated military heroes.

“The Stolen Valor Act protects true American heroes from true American cowards. Pretending to be a decorated combat veteran for the purpose of making money or fraudulently gaining some privilege is despicable, and I encourage the Senate to pass this bill with haste.”

Earlier Monday, I had the privilege of meeting Ronald Rosser, a Medal of Honor recipient from the Korean War. During a critical battle, Mr. Rosser chose to charge the enemy by himself, buying valuable time for an orderly withdraw. After being wounded, he continued to cross the open battlefield, assisting other wounded comrades.

Anyone who pretends to be a war hero for the sake of dishonest gain insults and demeans the sacrifices made by our brave men and women in uniform.”

Under the *Stolen Valor Act of 2013*, which passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 390-3, anyone who falsely claims to have received a military medal in order to obtain money or government benefits would be punished by up to one year in prison.

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