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AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR

By direction of the President, under the Joint Resolution of Congress approved 12 July 1862 (amended by act of 3 March 1863, act of 9 July 1918, and act of 25 July 1963), the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty is awarded posthumously by the Department of the Army in the name of Congress to:

Specialist Four *Robert D. Law*, , United States Army, who distinguished himself at the cost of his own life above and beyond the call of duty on 22 February 1969 while serving with I Company (Ranger), 75th Infantry, in the Republic of Vietnam. While on a long-range reconnaissance patrol in Tinh Phuoc Thanh Province, Specialist *Law* and five comrades made contact with a small enemy patrol. As the opposing elements exchanged intense fire, he maneuvered to a perilously exposed position flanking his comrades and began placing suppressive fire on the hostile troops. Although his team was hindered by a low supply of ammunition and suffered from an unidentified irritating gas in the air, Specialist *Law*'s spirited defense and challenging counterassault rallied his fellow soldiers against the well-equipped hostile troops. When an enemy grenade landed in his team's position, Specialist *Law*, instead of diving into the safety of a stream behind him, threw himself on the grenade to save the lives of his comrades. Specialist Four *Law*'s extraordinary courage and profound concern for his fellow soldiers were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on himself, his unit and the United States Army.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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