

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 433

To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 523 East Railroad Street in Knox, Pennsylvania, as the “Specialist Ross A. McGinnis Memorial Post Office”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. DENT, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. MARINO, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. ROTHFUS, Mr. PERRY, Mr. MACARTHUR, Mr. PITTS, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania, Mr. LABRADOR, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. WALZ, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, and Mr. BLUM) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Ross Andrew McGinnis was born and raised
2 in Knox, Pennsylvania, the son of Tom and
3 Romaine McGinnis.

4 (2) Specialist McGinnis joined the Army in
5 2004 and following his training, was assigned to 1st
6 Platoon, C Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry
7 Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry
8 Division.

9 (3) On December 4, 2006, McGinnis was killed
10 in action while serving in Iraq. For his actions that
11 day, he was awarded the Congressional Medal of
12 Honor by President George W. Bush on June 2,
13 2008.

14 (4) From the official Medal of Honor Army Ci-
15 tation:

16 (A) Private First Class Ross A. McGinnis,
17 United States Army. For conspicuous gallantry
18 and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and
19 beyond the call of duty.

20 (B) Private First Class Ross A. McGinnis
21 distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and
22 intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty
23 while serving as an M2 .50-caliber Machine
24 Gunner, 1st Platoon, C Company, 1st Bat-
25 talion, 26th Infantry Regiment, in connection

1 with combat operations against an armed
2 enemy in Adhamiyah, Northeast Baghdad, Iraq,
3 on 4 December 2006.

4 (C) That afternoon his platoon was con-
5 ducting combat control operations in an effort
6 to reduce and control sectarian violence in the
7 area. While Private McGinnis was manning the
8 M2 .50-caliber Machine Gun, a fragmentation
9 grenade thrown by an insurgent fell through
10 the gunner's hatch into the vehicle. Reacting
11 quickly, he yelled "grenade," allowing all four
12 members of his crew to prepare for the gre-
13 nade's blast. Then, rather than leaping from
14 the gunner's hatch to safety, Private McGinnis
15 made the courageous decision to protect his
16 crew. In a selfless act of bravery, in which he
17 was mortally wounded, Private McGinnis cov-
18 ered the live grenade, pinning it between his
19 body and the vehicle and absorbing most of the
20 explosion.

21 (D) Private McGinnis' gallant action di-
22 rectly saved four men from certain serious in-
23 jury or death. Private First Class McGinnis' ex-
24 traordinary heroism and selflessness at the cost
25 of his own life, above and beyond the call of

1 duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions
2 of the military service and reflect great credit
3 upon himself, his unit, and the United States
4 Army.

5 **SEC. 2. SPECIALIST ROSS A. MCGINNIS MEMORIAL POST**
6 **OFFICE.**

7 (a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States
8 Postal Service located at 523 East Railroad Street in
9 Knox, Pennsylvania, shall be known and designated as the
10 “Specialist Ross A. McGinnis Memorial Post Office”.

11 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
12 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
13 States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall
14 be deemed to be a reference to the “Specialist Ross A.
15 McGinnis Memorial Post Office”.

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