

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2494

To authorize and request the President to award the Medal of Honor to
James L. Cadigan, of Hingham, Massachusetts.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 18, 1997

Mr. DELAHUNT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on National Security

A BILL

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of Honor to James L. Cadigan, of Hingham, Massachusetts.

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 makes the following findings:

5 (1) On February 26, 1945, Second Lieutenant
6 James L. Cadigan, United States Army, was ad-
7 vancing on foot with the 3rd Platoon of C Company
8 of the 20th Armored Infantry Battalion of the 10th
9 Armored Division in order to secure the high ground

1 north of Zerf, Germany, when the platoon came
2 under heavy enemy fire.

3 (2) Lieutenant Cadigan, armed solely with his
4 machine gun, repeatedly risked his life for the sake
5 of his men and singlehandedly destroyed two enemy
6 machinegun positions, while killing 50 enemy sol-
7 diers and capturing 85 more.

8 (3) Lieutenant Cadigan's actions were credited
9 by his commanding officer and other witnesses with
10 saving two platoons from destruction and making it
11 possible for C Company to evacuate its wounded,
12 renew its attack, and ultimately achieve its objective.

13 (4) Lieutenant Cadigan's commanding officer
14 recommended him for award of the Medal of Honor
15 for his acts of conspicuous gallantry, but, being
16 wounded shortly thereafter, was unable to provide
17 the required documentation within the time limita-
18 tion established by law for that award.

19 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION AND REQUEST FOR AWARD OF**
20 **MEDAL OF HONOR.**

21 The President is authorized and requested to award
22 the Medal of Honor to James L. Cadigan of Hingham,
23 Massachusetts (notwithstanding the time limitations spec-
24 ified in section 3744 of title 10, United States Code).

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