

113TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2106

To authorize and request the President to award the Medal of Honor posthumously to First Lieutenant Alonzo H. Cushing for acts of valor during the Civil War.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 22, 2013

Mr. KIND (for himself and Mr. SENSENBRENNER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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 makes the following findings:

5               (1) Alonzo H. Cushing was born in Delafield,  
6       Wisconsin, on January 19, 1841.

7               (2) Alonzo H. Cushing graduated from the  
8       United States Military Academy at West Point, New  
9       York, on June 24, 1861.

1           (3) On July 3, 1863, First Lieutenant Alonzo  
2       H. Cushing commanded Battery A, 4th United  
3       States Artillery, Army of the Potomac, in the de-  
4       fense of the “Angle” on Cemetery Ridge during the  
5       Battle of Gettysburg.

6           (4) During the battle, First Lieutenant Alonzo  
7       H. Cushing was shot multiple times, but refused to  
8       retreat.

9           (5) First Lieutenant Alonzo H. Cushing contin-  
10      ued to command his battery until he was shot and  
11      killed.

12          (6) The Union victory at the Battle of Gettys-  
13      burg was one of the key turning points in the Civil  
14      War.

15          (7) The Secretary of the Army and the Sec-  
16      retary of Defense have determined that the actions  
17      of First Lieutenant Alonzo H. Cushing do merit the  
18      award of the Medal of Honor.

19 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF**  
20 **HONOR TO FIRST LIEUTENANT ALONZO H.**  
21 **CUSHING FOR ACTS OF VALOR DURING THE**  
22 **CIVIL WAR.**

23          (a) AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding the time lim-  
24      itations specified in section 3744 of title 10, United States  
25      Code, or any other time limitation with respect to the

1   awarding of certain medals to persons who served in the  
2   Armed Forces, the President is authorized and requested  
3   to award the Medal of Honor under section 3741 of such  
4   title to then First Lieutenant Alonzo H. Cushing for con-  
5   spicuous acts of gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of  
6   life and beyond the call of duty in the Civil War, as de-  
7   scribed in subsection (b).

8           (b) ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor  
9   referred to in subsection (a) are the actions of then First  
10   Lieutenant Alonzo H. Cushing while in command of Bat-  
11   tery A, 4th United States Artillery, Army of the Potomac,  
12   at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on July 3, 1863, during the  
13   American Civil War.

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