

[H.R. 1442, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Cornell Street in Kingston, New York, as the "Staff Sergeant Robert H. Dietz Post Office Building"](#)

**FLOOR SITUATION**

On Thursday, September 24, 2015, the House will consider [H.R. 1442](#), a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Cornell Street in Kingston, New York, as the "Staff Sergeant Robert H. Dietz Post Office Building," under suspension of the rules. H.R. 1442 was introduced on March 18, 2015 by Rep. Christopher P. Gibson (R-NY) and was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which ordered the bill reported by unanimous consent on May 19, 2015.

**SUMMARY**

H.R. 1442 designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Cornell Street in Kingston, New York, as the "Staff Sergeant Robert H. Dietz Post Office Building."

**BACKGROUND**

Born in Kingston, New York, Staff Sergeant Robert H. Dietz served in the Army during World War II and was killed in action on March 29, 1945.<sup>1</sup> Staff Sergeant Dietz was a squad leader when the task force to which he was attached encountered resistance in its advance to Kirchain, Germany.<sup>2</sup> As his unit moved forward to protect engineers while they removed mines and the demolition charges attached to bridges, Staff Sergeant Dietz came under intense fire. He advanced alone, dodging bullets, until he was able to kill the bazooka team defending the first of two bridges. He continued ahead killing another bazooka team, bayoneted an enemy soldier armed with an anti-tank weapon and shot two German soldiers when he was knocked to the ground by the blast from another.<sup>3</sup> He quickly recovered, killed the man who had fired at him and jumped into waist-deep water under the

<sup>1</sup> See article (<http://www.cmohs.org/recipient-detail/2715/dietz-robert-h.php>)

<sup>2</sup> Ibid

<sup>3</sup> Ibid

second bridge to disconnect the demolition charges. His work was completed; but as he stood up to signal that the route was clear, he was killed by an enemy volley.<sup>4</sup>

### **COST**

A Congressional Budget Office (CBO) cost estimate is currently unavailable.

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<sup>4</sup> Ibid