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[S. 1826, A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 99 West 2nd Street in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, as the “Lieutenant Colonel James ‘Maggie’ Megellas Post Office”](#)

FLOOR SITUATION

On Tuesday, March 1, 2016, the House will consider [S. 1826](#), a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 99 West 2nd Street in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, as the “Lieutenant Colonel James ‘Maggie’ Megellas Post Office,” under suspension of the rules. S. 1826 was introduced on July 22, 2015, by Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI) and passed the Senate by unanimous consent on August 5, 2015.

SUMMARY

S. 1826 designates the United States Postal Service facility located at 99 West 2nd Street in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, as the “Lieutenant Colonel James ‘Maggie’ Megellas Post Office.”

BACKGROUND

James “Maggie” Megellas was born on March 11, 1917, in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, where he lived until he attended college in the nearby town of Ripon, WI. While he was mid-way through his senior year, Pearl Harbor was attacked. He participated in the school’s Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) program and, upon graduation in May 1942, he accepted a commission as a second lieutenant, infantry, in the U.S. Army. Four years later, Megellas was acknowledged as one of the most decorated officers in the acclaimed 82nd Airborne Division and was discharged with the rank of captain.

Megellas continued serving as a citizen-soldier and retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel. His most notable battle experiences include action in the Italian mountains near the Anzio beachhead, his combat jump into Holland as part of Operation Market Garden, crossing of the Waal River under heavy German fire in broad daylight, and the Battle of the Bulge in January of 1945, when he singlehandedly destroyed a German Mark V Panther Tank and led his platoon to one of the most distinctive actions of the war, without a single American casualty.

Lieutenant Colonel Megellas awards include the Distinguished Service Cross, two Silver Stars, two Purple Hearts, Presidential Citation with Cluster, the Belgium Fouragere, six campaign stars, and Master Parachutist Badge. He was selected by General James Gavin, the commanding general of the 82nd Airborne Division, to receive the Military Order of Wilhelm Orange Lanyard from the Dutch Minister of War in Berlin in 1945. Megellas is the first American to be honored with the award by the government of Holland.

COST

A Congressional Budget Office (CBO) cost estimate is currently not available.

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