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# H. R. 433

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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## AN ACT

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”.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

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

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

11 (3) On December 4, 2006, McGinnis was killed  
12 in action while serving in Iraq. For his actions that  
13 day, he was awarded the Congressional Medal of  
14 Honor by President George W. Bush on June 2,  
15 2008.

16 (4) From the official Medal of Honor Army Ci-  
17 tation:

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

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

1           talion, 26th Infantry Regiment, in connection  
2           with combat operations against an armed  
3           enemy in Adhamiyah, Northeast Baghdad, Iraq,  
4           on 4 December 2006.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Passed the House of Representatives May 23, 2016.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

*Clerk.*