

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 231

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”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 22, 2015

Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. CASEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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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 finds the following:

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

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

6 (3) On December 4, 2006, McGinnis was killed
7 in action while serving in Iraq. For his actions that
8 day, he was awarded the Congressional Medal of
9 Honor by President George W. Bush on June 2,
10 2008.

11 (4) From the official Medal of Honor Army Ci-
12 tation:

13 (A) Private First Class Ross A. McGinnis,
14 United States Army. For conspicuous gallantry
15 and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and
16 beyond the call of duty.

17 (B) Private First Class Ross A. McGinnis
18 distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and
19 intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty
20 while serving as an M2 .50-caliber Machine
21 Gunner, 1st Platoon, C Company, 1st Bat-
22 talion, 26th Infantry Regiment, in connection
23 with combat operations against an armed
24 enemy in Adhamiyah, Northeast Baghdad, Iraq,
25 on 4 December 2006.

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

18 (D) Private McGinnis' gallant action di-
19 rectly saved four men from certain serious in-
20 jury or death. Private First Class McGinnis' ex-
21 traordinary heroism and selflessness at the cost
22 of his own life, above and beyond the call of
23 duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions
24 of the military service and reflect great credit

1 upon himself, his unit, and the United States
2 Army.

3 **SEC. 2. SPECIALIST ROSS A. MCGINNIS MEMORIAL POST**
4 **OFFICE.**

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

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

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