
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY DINNIMAN, WASHINGTON, STACK, SMITH, RAFFERTY,
BREWSTER, GREENLEAF, COSTA, ALLOWAY, YUDICHAK, SCHWANK AND
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REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
FEBRUARY 4, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact S. No.
2 229 (2013), to rename the Philadelphia Veterans Affairs
3 Medical Center after Corporal Michael J. Crescenz.

4 WHEREAS, On November 20, 1968, in Vietnam's Hiep Duc Valley,
5 Company A, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry, 196th Infantry Brigade,
6 American Division was attacked by a well-entrenched force of the
7 North Vietnamese Army that had initially killed two point men;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Corporal Michael J. Crescenz of Company A left the
10 safety of his initial location, grabbed a nearby weapon and
11 charged up 100 meters of incline toward the three attacking
12 enemy bunkers which he effectively silenced; and

13 WHEREAS, Machine gun fire erupted from a fourth camouflaged
14 enemy bunker, becoming a new and immediate threat to the rest of
15 Company A; and

16 WHEREAS, Corporal Crescenz charged toward the fourth bunker
17 to attempt to silence it, but was mortally wounded by the enemy

1 bunker machine gun fire; and

2 WHEREAS, Corporal Crescenz's actions allowed the rest of
3 Company A to complete their objectives with minimal danger,
4 potentially saving the lives of his fellow comrades; and

5 WHEREAS, Corporal Crescenz was posthumously awarded the Medal
6 of Honor by President Richard Nixon on April 7, 1970; and

7 WHEREAS, Corporal Crescenz was a proud resident of
8 Philadelphia and graduate of Cardinal Dougherty High School, and
9 he is survived by numerous family members in the Philadelphia
10 area; and

11 WHEREAS, Corporal Crescenz was the only soldier from
12 Philadelphia to receive the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam
13 War; and

14 WHEREAS, United States Senators Pat Toomey and Bob Casey have
15 introduced S. No. 229 to rename the Philadelphia Veterans
16 Affairs Medical Center to the Corporal Michael J. Crescenz
17 Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center; and

18 WHEREAS, Additionally, H. Res. 454 would also recognize
19 Corporal Crescenz's bravery by renaming the Philadelphia
20 Veterans Affairs Medical Center; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate of Pennsylvania memorialize the
22 Congress of the United States to take favorable action on S. No.
23 229 (2013); and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
25 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each
26 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.