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S. 2404

To authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to First Lieutenant Alonzo H. Cushing for acts of valor during the Civil War.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 26, 2012

Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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 makes the following findings:

5 (1) Alonzo H. Cushing was born in Delafield,
6 Wisconsin, on January 19, 1841.

7 (2) Alonzo H. Cushing graduated from the
8 United States Military Academy at West Point, New
9 York, on June 24, 1861.

1 (3) On July 3, 1863, First Lieutenant Alonzo
2 H. Cushing commanded Battery A, 4th United
3 States Artillery, Army of the Potomac, during the
4 Battle of Gettysburg.

5 (4) During the battle, First Lieutenant Alonzo
6 H. Cushing was shot multiple times but refused to
7 retreat.

8 (5) First Lieutenant Alonzo H. Cushing contin-
9 ued to command his battery until he was shot and
10 killed.

11 (6) The Union victory at the Battle of Gettys-
12 burg was one of the key turning points in the Civil
13 War.

14 (7) The Secretary of the Army and the Sec-
15 retary of Defense have determined that the actions
16 of First Lieutenant Alonzo H. Cushing do merit the
17 award of the Medal of Honor.

18 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF**
19 **HONOR TO FIRST LIEUTENANT ALONZO H.**
20 **CUSHING FOR ACTS OF VALOR DURING THE**
21 **CIVIL WAR.**

22 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding the time lim-
23 itations specified in section 3744 of title 10, United States
24 Code, or any other time limitation with respect to the
25 awarding of certain medals to persons who served in the

1 Armed Forces, the President is authorized to award the
2 Medal of Honor under section 3741 of such title to then
3 First Lieutenant Alonzo H. Cushing for conspicuous acts
4 of gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life and beyond
5 the call of duty in the Civil War, as described in subsection
6 (b).

7 (b) ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor
8 referred to in subsection (a) are the actions of then First
9 Lieutenant Alonzo H. Cushing while in command of Bat-
10 tery A, 4th United States Artillery, Army of the Potomac,
11 at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on July 3, 1863, during the
12 American Civil War.

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