

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 238

To authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to James Megellas, formerly of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and currently of Colleyville, Texas, for acts of valor on January 28, 1945, during the Battle of the Bulge in World War II.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2019

Mr. GROTHMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARD OF THE MEDAL**
2 **OF HONOR TO JAMES MEGELLAS FOR ACTS**
3 **OF VALOR DURING THE BATTLE OF THE**
4 **BULGE.**

5 (a) **WAIVER OF TIME LIMITATIONS.**—Notwith-
6 standing the time limitations specified in section 3744 of
7 title 10, United States Code, or any other time limitation
8 with respect to the awarding of certain medals to persons
9 who served in the Armed Forces, the President may award
10 the Medal of Honor under section 3741 of such title to
11 James Megellas, formerly of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and
12 currently of Colleyville, Texas, for the acts of valor during
13 World War II described in subsection (b).

14 (b) **ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.**—The acts of valor
15 referred to in subsection (a) are the actions of James
16 Megellas on January 28, 1945, in Herresbach, Belgium,
17 during the Battle of the Bulge when, as a first lieutenant
18 in the 82nd Airborne Division, he led a surprise and dev-
19 astating attack on a much larger advancing enemy force,
20 killing and capturing a large number and causing others
21 to flee, single-handedly destroying an attacking German
22 Mark V tank with two hand-held grenades, and then lead-
23 ing his men in clearing and seizing Herresbach.

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