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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JULY 3, 2004

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to award the
2 Congressional Medal of Honor to Major Richard D. Winters
3 without further delay.

4 WHEREAS, United States Army and Department of Defense
5 officials are reviewing a recommendation to upgrade Major
6 Winters' Distinguished Service Cross to the Congressional Medal
7 of Honor; and

8 WHEREAS, Major Winters was originally nominated for the Medal
9 of Honor by Colonel Robert F. Sink, commander of the 506th
10 Regiment, for heroic actions on June 6, 1944, during the Allied
11 invasion of Normandy, France, as 1st Lieutenant, Acting

1 Commanding Officer of E Company, 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute
2 Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, VII Corps; and

3 WHEREAS, Major Winters' extraordinary planning, fighting and
4 commanding on that day 60 years ago in Nazi-occupied Normandy
5 during his regiment's first combat operation saved countless
6 lives and expedited the Allied inland advance; and

7 WHEREAS, With his company outnumbered by German soldiers,
8 Major Winters destroyed German guns at Brecourt Manor and
9 secured causeways for troops coming off Utah Beach; and

10 WHEREAS, Major Winters' battle plan for a small-unit assault
11 on German artillery has been taught at the United States
12 Military Academy at West Point; and

13 WHEREAS, Major Winters accomplished a hazardous mission with
14 valor, inspired his service colleagues through example and
15 effectively organized his company into support and assault teams
16 on the day of invasion in the campaign for European liberation
17 during World War II; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
19 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
20 States to award the Congressional Medal of Honor to Major
21 Richard D. Winters without further delay; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
23 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each
24 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.