

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2210

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## AN ACT

To designate the community living center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Butler Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, as the “Sergeant Joseph George Kusick VA Community Living Center”.

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. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Sergeant Joseph George Kusick of Bruin,  
4 Pennsylvania, was assigned to the command and  
5 control detachment of the 5th Special Forces Group  
6 (Airborne) of the Army during the Vietnam War.

7 (2) On November 8, 1967, Kusick distinguished  
8 himself by exceptionally valorous actions while serv-  
9 ing as a radio operator of a special forces reconnais-  
10 sance team on a combat mission deep in hostile ter-  
11 ritory.

12 (3) During an enemy ambush, Kusick, though  
13 seriously wounded, refused aid and radioed the for-  
14 ward air controller to advise him of the critical situ-  
15 ation.

16 (4) While the team leader led a withdrawal to  
17 a landing zone, Kusick maintained contact with the  
18 controller and requested emergency extraction.

19 (5) Realizing the importance of having a radio  
20 operator on the ground to direct landings, Kusick  
21 refused evacuation by the first helicopter.

22 (6) After the second helicopter was shot down,  
23 and in the midst of enemy fire, Kusick continued to  
24 maintain radio contact and called for a hoist extrac-  
25 tion of the men still remaining on the ground.

1           (7) The last helicopter, which Kusick boarded,  
2           was shot down by intense Viet Cong fire and crashed  
3           in flames, resulting in Kusick's death.

4           (8) On December 22, 1967, Kusick was post-  
5           humously awarded the Silver Star Medal for gal-  
6           lantry in action.

7           (9) The citation to accompany the award of the  
8           Silver Star Medal stated that "Kusick's gallantry in  
9           action, at the cost of his life, was in keeping with  
10          the highest traditions of the military service and re-  
11          flects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the  
12          United States Army".

13 **SEC. 2. SERGEANT JOSEPH GEORGE KUSICK VA COMMU-**  
14 **NITY LIVING CENTER.**

15          (a) DESIGNATION.—The community living center of  
16 the Department of Veterans Affairs in Butler Township,  
17 Butler County, Pennsylvania, shall after the date of the  
18 enactment of this Act be known and designated as the  
19 "Sergeant Joseph George Kusick VA Community Living  
20 Center".

21          (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any law, regula-  
22 tion, map, document, paper, or other record of the United  
23 States to the community living center referred to in sub-  
24 section (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Ser-

1 geant Joseph George Kusick VA Community Living Cen-  
2 ter”.

Passed the House of Representatives July 17, 2017.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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