

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 238

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 30, 2017

Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. CORNYN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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,*

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

6 (a) WAIVER OF TIME LIMITATIONS.—Notwith-  
7 standing the time limitations specified in section 3744 of

1 title 10, United States Code, or any other time limitation  
 2 with respect to the awarding of certain medals to persons  
 3 who served in the Armed Forces, the President may award  
 4 the Medal of Honor under section 3741 of such title to  
 5 James Megellas, formerly of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and  
 6 currently of Colleyville, Texas, for the acts of valor during  
 7 World War II described in subsection (b).

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

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