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H. R. 1237

To authorize and request the President to award the Medal of Honor posthumously to Major Dominic S. Gentile of the United States Army Air Forces for acts of valor during World War II.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2013

Mrs. BEATTY 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION AND REQUEST FOR AWARD**
4 **OF MEDAL OF HONOR TO DOMINIC S. GEN-**
5 **TILE FOR ACTS OF VALOR DURING WORLD**
6 **WAR II.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
8 ings:

1 (1) Major Dominic S. Gentile of the United
2 States Army Air Forces destroyed at least 30 enemy
3 aircraft during World War II, making him one of
4 the highest scoring fighter pilots in American history
5 and earning him the title of “Ace of Aces”.

6 (2) Major Gentile was the first American fight-
7 er pilot to surpass Captain Eddie Rickenbacker’s
8 WWI record of 26 enemy aircraft destroyed.

9 (3) Major Gentile was awarded several medals
10 in recognition of his acts of valor during World War
11 II, including two Distinguished Service Crosses,
12 seven Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Silver Star,
13 the Air Medal, and received similar honors from
14 Great Britain, Italy, Belgium, and Canada.

15 (4) Major Gentile was born in Piqua, Ohio, and
16 died January 23, 1951, after which he was post-
17 humously appointed to the rank of major.

18 (5) Major Gentile is buried in Columbus, Ohio.
19 Gentile Air Force Station in Kettering, Ohio, is
20 named in his honor and he was inducted into the
21 National Aviation Hall of Fame in 1995.

22 (b) 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 and requested
2 to award the Medal of Honor posthumously under section
3 3741 of such title to former Major Dominic S. Gentile of
4 the United States Army Air Forces for the acts of valor
5 during World War II described in subsection (c).

6 (c) ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor
7 referred to in subsection (b) are the actions of then Major
8 Dominic S. Gentile who, as a pilot of a P-51 Mustang
9 in the Army's 336th Fighter Squadron, Fourth Fighter
10 Group, of the Eighth Air Force in Europe during World
11 War II, distinguished himself conspicuously by gallantry
12 and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond
13 the call of duty by destroying at least 30 enemy aircraft
14 during his service in the United State Army Air Forces.

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