



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

June 29, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Speaker:

I write to you today with a heavy heart. The last remaining World War II Medal of Honor Recipient, Hershel Woodrow "Woody" Williams, passed away on June 29, 2022 at the age of 98. As a tribute to the "Greatest Generation" and to honor the life Woody, I ask you to bring H.Con.Res. 7 to the floor immediately to allow Woody to lie in honor in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda.

Woody Williams is an American hero. Born in 1923 in Quiet Dell, West Virginia, he later enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he served in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Notably, he fought in the Battle of Iwo Jima in the 21st Marines, 3d Marine Division. His "valiant devotion to duty" earned him the Medal of Honor, which was issued to him in 1945. However, Woody's service did not stop there. He devoted his life to veterans and Gold Star Families. He and his Foundation have established 103 Gold Star Families Memorial Monuments across the United States, with more than 72 additional monuments under way. He played a critical role in helping veterans throughout his community and will be sorely missed.

I urge you to act quickly. Woody was the last remaining World War II Medal of Honor recipient. Bestowing this honor to Woody would not only recognize his accomplishments, but would also serve as an important tribute to all of the Medal of Honor recipients and veterans from World War II. I have attached a copy of H.Con.Res. 7 to this letter. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carol D. Miller

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Member of Congress

CC: The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, House Republican Leader
The Honorable Steny Hoyer, House Majority Leader
The Honorable James Clyburn, House Majority Whip
The Honorable Steve Scalise, House Minority Whip