

Subject State funeral for last surviving World War II Medal of Honor recipient

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Overview

This bill proposes a resolution urging the President of the United States to designate a state funeral for the last surviving World War II Medal of Honor recipient.

Only four World War II veterans who were awarded the Medal of Honor remain alive today, one each residing in the states of Tennessee, New York, Oregon, and West Virginia.

State funerals are generally designated for current and former Presidents, but occasionally others are honored as well. According to records maintained by the organization supporting this resolution, the most recent non-President honored by a state funeral was General Douglas MacArthur, in 1964. State funerals involve multiple days of ceremonies, including events in the recipient's home state and in Washington, D.C.