



# Allegheny County Council

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## Legislation Text

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Title...

Proclamation recognizing the November 19, 2016 presentation of five medals, including a Purple Heart, to The Honorable Raymond T. Book for his meritorious service during World War II.

Body...

**WHEREAS**, on November 19, 2016, more than seven decades after being wounded during combat in World War II, **The Honorable Raymond T. Book**, 91, was presented with five medals for meritorious service, including a Purple Heart; and

**WHEREAS**, **Mr. Book** honorably served in the U.S. Army as a sharpshooter with the 8th Infantry Division and the 41st Field Artillery. His unit was assigned to different armies throughout the war, including General George S. Patton's army; and

**WHEREAS**, **Mr. Book** fought during the Normandy invasion and in the third wave of the Battle of the Bulge. While being treated at a medical facility, the staff failed to submit the proper paperwork that would have secured his Purple Heart medal; and

**WHEREAS**, **Mr. Book** returned home after the war and earned an associate's degree from Robert Morris College and furthered his education at Point Park College. He worked at J&L Steel Corporation for 32 years. He served as a member of the Whitehall Borough Council and as a state representative for two terms. Mr. Book and his wife, Mary Ann, are the parents of five children and the proud grandparents of 11 grandchildren;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Allegheny County Council does hereby honor and thank **The Honorable Raymond T. Book** for serving our country with distinction during World War II, and we extend our deepest gratitude to Mr. Book and thank him for his sacrifice.