



## **H.R. 2611– A bill to designate the United States Coast Guard Headquarters the “Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building”**

### **Background**

- H.R. 2611 would name the future United States Coast Guard Headquarters at the St. Elizabeths complex in Washington, D.C. after the following individual –
  - **Douglas Albert Munro** (October 11, 1919 – September 27, 1942). Munro was born in Vancouver, British Columbia to James Munro and Edith Fairey. They moved to Vancouver, Washington shortly after his birth. Munro became a U.S. citizen in 1922. He attended Central Washington College of Education in 1938 before enlisting in the U.S. Coast Guard the following year. He was promoted to Signaller, First Class while serving in WWII. Munro was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroics in the Second Battle of Matanikau, in which he shielded 500 Marines during their evacuation. He is the only member of the U.S. Coast Guard to receive the Medal of Honor.

### **Summary**

- H.R. 2611 was introduced by Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) on 7/8/13. It is co-sponsored by Reps. Duncan Hunter (R-CA), John Garamendi (D-CA), and Lou Barletta (R-PA).
- H.R. 2611 would name the future United States Coast Guard Headquarters the “Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building”.

### **Committee Action**

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure reported the bill favorably by voice vote at a full Committee mark-up on July 10, 2013.

### **Amendments**

No amendments were offered during Committee consideration.

### **Statement of Administration Policy**

None.

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