



The Honorable Darrell Issa
U.S. House of Representatives
2300 Rayburn Office Building
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Representative Issa,

On behalf of the Special Operations Association of America, which represents our nation's past, present and future Special Operations Forces and their families, it is with great honor that I write you to endorse CAPT Royce Williams (ret.) for the Congressional Medal of Honor.

On November 18, 1952, then Lieutenant Royce Williams displayed overwhelming heroism in the face of grave personal danger. Knowing that retreat would result in the certain demise of four U.S. aircraft, Mr. Williams engaged seven Soviet MIG-15s, giving his escort aircraft the ability to return to the aircraft carrier. In an inferior aircraft, Mr. Williams successfully shot down four MIG-15s in the only aerial dogfight over water during the Korean War. Lieutenant Williams landed his F9F-5 Panther on the deck of the Carrier with 263 bullet holes and withstood a 37-millimeter shell that disabled his electrical and hydraulic systems.

Our nation owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Williams for his service above and beyond the call of duty. A renewed sense of urgency must be added to our effort as Mr. Williams is now 97-years old.

I reiterate my endorsement of Mr. Williams, joining Members of Congress, The American Legion, the Distinguished Flying Cross Society, and over 100 General Officers and Admirals.

Chris Miller
Chairman
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