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H. R. 6963

To designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Lafayette, Louisiana, as the “Rodney C. Hamilton Sr. VA Clinic”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 7, 2026

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Mr. SCALISE, Ms. LETLOW, Mr. FIELDS, and Mr. CARTER of Louisiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF RODNEY C. HAMILTON SR. VA**
4 **CLINIC IN LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

6 (1) Rodney Carroll Hamilton Sr. was born in
7 Fort Worth, Texas, on March 24, 1932, and his

1 family moved to Lafayette, Louisiana, in the sum-
2 mer of 1948;

3 (2) in 1949, at age seventeen, Rodney Hamilton
4 joined the reserve components of the Marine Corps
5 at the urging of his football coach Lou Campbell
6 while attending Lafayette High School;

7 (3) Rodney Hamilton served the United States
8 during the Korean War, was wounded in combat in
9 September 1951, and was awarded the Purple
10 Heart;

11 (4) Rodney Hamilton loved the Marine Corps
12 and was proud of all Marines who served the United
13 States;

14 (5) Rodney Hamilton was a member of the Ma-
15 rine Corps League, the Military Order of the Purple
16 Heart, and the Veteran's Action Coalition of South-
17 west Louisiana, where he served as Founder and
18 Chairman Emeritus;

19 (6) Rodney Hamilton served as a full-time
20 elected official in the Lafayette City Government
21 from 1968 through 1972 as a Trustee of Public
22 Property;

23 (7) Rodney Hamilton made numerous contribu-
24 tions to help make Lafayette a better place, includ-
25 ing leading efforts to secure and build the commu-

1 nity-based outpatient clinic of the Department of
2 Veterans Affairs in Lafayette, which opened in
3 2016;

4 (8) due to the dedication of Rodney Hamilton
5 in realizing the community-based outpatient clinic in
6 Lafayette, the street on which the clinic is located
7 was named in his honor and now bears signs saying,
8 “Veterans Way, Honorary Rodney Hamilton”; and

9 (9) Rodney Hamilton passed away at the age of
10 88 on November 30, 2020.

11 (b) DESIGNATION.—The community-based outpatient
12 clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Lafayette,
13 Louisiana, shall after the date of the enactment of this
14 Act be known and designated as the “Rodney C. Hamilton
15 Sr. VA Clinic”.

16 (c) REFERENCE.—Any reference in any law, regula-
17 tion, map, document, paper, or other record of the United
18 States to the clinic referred to in subsection (b) shall be
19 considered to be a reference to the Rodney C. Hamilton
20 Sr. VA Clinic.

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