

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 7903, with Amendments**

**(The amendments strike all after the enacting clause and insert a new text and a new title)**

117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 7903

To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Canton, Michigan, as the “Major General Oliver W. Dillard VA Outpatient Clinic”.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 27, 2022

Ms. STEVENS (for herself, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. MELJER, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. UPTON, Mr. WALBERG, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mrs. MCCLAIN, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. TLAIB, and Mrs. LAWRENCE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs

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## A BILL

To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Canton, Michigan, as the “Major General Oliver W. Dillard VA Outpatient Clinic”.

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

1           (1) Oliver W. Dillard was born on September  
2           28, 1926, in Margaret, Alabama.

3           (2) In 1945, following basic training he was  
4           drafted and was assigned to the 349th Field Artil-  
5           lery Group in Germany as part of the World War II  
6           army of occupation. He was selected to serve as  
7           company clerk and began to work his way through  
8           the ranks, attaining Technical Sergeant.

9           (3) Dillard successfully completed the Officer  
10          Candidate School (OCS) selection process and was  
11          approved for attendance at the Infantry OCS at  
12          Fort Benning in January 1947. He received a com-  
13          mission as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry after  
14          graduating from Infantry OCS in July 1947 and  
15          was the honor graduate of his Infantry officers basic  
16          course.

17          (4) He served in command and intelligence po-  
18          sitions in Korea, Germany, and Vietnam.

19          (5) During his service, Dillard graduated from  
20          the Army Command and General Staff College  
21          (CGSC) in 1958, where he was one of only three  
22          Black officers in his class. After CGSC, he com-  
23          pleted his bachelor's degree at the University of  
24          Omaha leveraging his earlier studies at Tuskegee In-  
25          stitute.

1           (6) In 1965, Mr. Dillard graduated from the  
2 National War College, becoming the first Black offi-  
3 cer to do so. He graduated at the top of his class.

4           (7) MG Dillard's military awards include the  
5 Distinguished Service Medal with one Oak Leaf  
6 Cluster, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit with  
7 two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star with one  
8 Oak Leaf Cluster and "V" Device, the Purple  
9 Heart, the Air Medal, the Combat Infantryman's  
10 Badge with Star (two awards), the Army Staff Iden-  
11 tification Badge, and the Vietnam Distinguished  
12 Service Order (1st and 2d Class). Dillard also re-  
13 ceived two civilian awards from the Republic of Viet-  
14 nam, the Vietnam Rural Revolutionary Development  
15 Medal and the Vietnam Ethnic Development Service  
16 Medal (1st Class).

17           (8) Dillard was inducted into the United States  
18 Army's Military Intelligence Hall of Fame in 2012,  
19 the Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame in 2012,  
20 and the Alabama Military Hall of Honor in 2013.

21           (9) He died in Canton, Michigan, in 2015, and  
22 is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**  
2 **FAIRS COMMUNITY-BASED OUTPATIENT**  
3 **CLINIC LOCATED IN CANTON, MICHIGAN.**

4 (a) DESIGNATION.—The Department of Veterans Af-  
5 fairs community-based outpatient clinic located in Canton,  
6 Michigan, shall after the date of the enactment of this Act  
7 be known and designated as the “Major General Oliver  
8 W. Dillard VA Clinic”.

9 (b) REFERENCES.— Any reference in a law, map,  
10 regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United  
11 States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall  
12 be deemed to be a reference to the “Major General Oliver  
13 W. Dillard VA Clinic”.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to designate  
the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based  
outpatient clinic located in Canton, Michigan, as the  
‘Major General Oliver W. Dillard VA Clinic’.”.