

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 7925, with Amendments

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

117TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 7925

To designate the outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Palm Desert, California, as the “Sy Kaplan Veterans Center”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 31, 2022

Mr. RUIZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs

A BILL

To designate the outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Palm Desert, California, as the “Sy Kaplan Veterans Center”.

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:

5 (1) Seymour “Sy” Kaplan was born on Feb-
6 ruary 28, 1924.

1 (2) Sergeant Kaplan served in the United
2 States Army from 1942 to 1945 as a combat engi-
3 neer.

4 (3) Sergeant Kaplan served in the 2d, 4th, and
5 14th Armored Divisions, seeing service in North Af-
6 rica, Italy, and France.

7 (4) Sergeant Kaplan rose to the rank of Tech-
8 nical Sergeant and earned 3 Battle Stars and 2 Pur-
9 ple Hearts.

10 (5) Sergeant Kaplan served under General
11 George Patton at the Battle of the Bulge and re-
12 ceived 2 Purple Hearts for his service.

13 (6) In April 1945, Sergeant Kaplan was griev-
14 ously wounded in an enemy mortar attack in
15 Czechoslovakia and returned to the United States a
16 wounded warrior.

17 (7) Sergeant Kaplan served as Commander of
18 the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 78
19 (Coachella Valley) for many years.

20 (8) Sergeant Kaplan was instrumental in the
21 opening of the Department of Veterans Affairs clinic
22 in Palm Desert.

23 (9) Sergeant Kaplan personally provided count-
24 less local veterans with advice and assistance in ob-

1 taining their earned Department of Veterans Affairs
2 benefits.

3 (10) Sergeant Kaplan received the Senior Inspi-
4 ration Award from Riverside County Supervisor Roy
5 Wilson in 2001.

6 (11) Wilson also appointed Sergeant Kaplan
7 the first chair of the Desert Palms Community
8 Council.

9 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
10 **FAIRS COMMUNITY-BASED OUTPATIENT**
11 **CLINIC LOCATED IN PALM DESERT, CALI-**
12 **FORNIA.**

13 (a) DESIGNATION.—The Department of Veterans Af-
14 fairs community-based outpatient clinic located in Palm
15 Desert, California, shall after the date of the enactment
16 of this Act be known and designated as the “Sy Kaplan
17 VA Clinic”.

18 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
19 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
20 States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall
21 be deemed to be a reference to the “Sy Kaplan VA Clinic”.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to designate
the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based
outpatient clinic located in Palm Desert, California, as
the ‘Sy Kaplan VA Clinic’.”.