

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6722

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 15, 2022

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT

To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in French Camp, California, as the “Richard A. Pittman VA Clinic”.

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

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Richard A. Pittman was born on May 26,
4 1945, in French Camp, California.

5 (2) Richard A. Pittman enlisted in the Marine
6 Corps in 1965 and was later promoted to Lance
7 Corporal.

8 (3) On July 24, 1966, Lance Corporal Pitt-
9 man's unit, First Platoon, Company I, Third Bat-
10 talion, Fifth Marines, was moving along a trail near
11 the Demilitarized Zone in the Republic of Vietnam
12 when the Marines ahead of them came under attack.

13 (4) Upon hearing the attack, Lance Corporal
14 Pittman took a machine gun and several belts of
15 ammunition and rushed to aid his comrades. As he
16 advanced, Lance Corporal Pittman encountered in-
17 tense small-arms fire at point-blank range. He was
18 able to return fire and silence the enemy combat-
19 ants. Continuing towards the attacked Marines,
20 Lance Corporal Pittman came under heavy fire from
21 two automatic weapons, which he was able to de-
22 stroy.

23 (5) When Lance Corporal Pittman learned
24 there were additional wounded Marines further
25 along the trail, he endured enemy mortar and gun-

1 fire to get to them. As he reached them, he faced
2 an attack by 30 to 40 enemy fighters.

3 (6) Lance Corporal Pittman used a combination
4 of machine-gun fire, an enemy submachine gun, a
5 pistol from a fallen comrade, and a grenade to cause
6 enemy forces to withdraw. Due to his courageous ac-
7 tions, many of his wounded comrades were saved.

8 (7) In recognition of his bravery that day, Rich-
9 ard A. Pittman, who was then a Sergeant, was
10 awarded the Medal of Honor by President Lyndon
11 B. Johnson on May 14, 1968.

12 (8) Richard A. Pittman retired in 1988 as a
13 Master Sergeant, after having served in the Marine
14 Corps for more than two decades.

15 **SEC. 2. NAME OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**
16 **COMMUNITY-BASED OUTPATIENT CLINIC,**
17 **FRENCH CAMP, CALIFORNIA.**

18 (a) DESIGNATION.—The Department of Veterans Af-
19 fairs community-based outpatient clinic in French Camp,
20 California, shall after the date of the enactment of this
21 Act be known and designated as the “Richard A. Pittman
22 VA Clinic”.

23 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
24 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
25 States to the clinic referred to in subsection (a) shall be

1 deemed to be a reference to the “Richard A. Pittman VA
2 Clinic”.

Passed the House of Representatives November 14,
2022.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.