

117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 7925

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 15, 2022

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

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## AN ACT

To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic located in Palm Desert, California, as the “Sy Kaplan 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) Seymour “Sy” Kaplan was born on Feb-  
4 ruary 28, 1924.

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

8 (3) Sergeant Kaplan served in the 2d, 4th, and  
9 14th Armored Divisions, seeing service in North Af-  
10 rica, Italy, and France.

11 (4) Sergeant Kaplan rose to the rank of Tech-  
12 nical Sergeant and earned 3 Battle Stars and 2 Pur-  
13 ple Hearts.

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

17 (6) In April 1945, Sergeant Kaplan was griev-  
18 ously wounded in an enemy mortar attack in  
19 Czechoslovakia and returned to the United States a  
20 wounded warrior.

21 (7) Sergeant Kaplan served as Commander of  
22 the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 78  
23 (Coachella Valley) for many years.

24 (8) Sergeant Kaplan was instrumental in the  
25 opening of the Department of Veterans Affairs clinic  
26 in Palm Desert.

1           (9) Sergeant Kaplan personally provided count-  
2           less local veterans with advice and assistance in ob-  
3           taining their earned Department of Veterans Affairs  
4           benefits.

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

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

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

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

20          (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-  
21          ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United

- 1 States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall
- 2 be deemed to be a reference to the “Sy Kaplan VA Clinic”.

Passed the House of Representatives November 14,  
2022.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,  
*Clerk.*