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H. R. 6963

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 16, 2026

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

AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

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

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) Rodney Carroll Hamilton Sr. was born in Fort Worth, Texas, on March 24, 1932, and his family moved to Lafayette, Louisiana, in the summer of 1948;

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

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

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

(5) Rodney Hamilton was a member of the Marine Corps League, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Veteran's Action Coalition of Southwest Louisiana, where he served as Founder and Chairman Emeritus;

(6) Rodney Hamilton served as a full-time elected official in the Lafayette City Government

from 1968 through 1972 as a Trustee of Public Property;

(7) Rodney Hamilton made numerous contributions to help make Lafayette a better place, including leading efforts to secure and build the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Lafayette, which opened in 2016;

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

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

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

(c) REFERENCE.—Any reference in any law, regulation, map, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the clinic referred to in subsection (b) shall be

considered to be a reference to the Rodney C. Hamilton Sr. VA Clinic.

Passed the House of Representatives July 15, 2026.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,

Clerk.