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S. 3689

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 27, 2026

Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs

A BILL

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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. DESIGNATION OF RODNEY C. HAMILTON SR. VA**
4 **CLINIC IN LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

6 (1) Rodney Carroll Hamilton Sr. was born in
7 Fort Worth, Texas, on March 24, 1932, and his
8 family moved to Lafayette, Louisiana, in the sum-
9 mer of 1948;

1 (2) In 1949, at age 17, Rodney Hamilton
2 joined the reserve components of the Marine Corps
3 at the urging of his football coach, Lou Campbell,
4 while attending Lafayette High School;

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

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

12 (5) Rodney Hamilton was a member of the Ma-
13 rine Corps League, the Military Order of the Purple
14 Heart, and the Veteran's Action Coalition of South-
15 west Louisiana, where he served as Founder and
16 Chairman Emeritus;

17 (6) Rodney Hamilton served as a full-time
18 elected official in the Lafayette City Government
19 from 1968 through 1972 as a Trustee of Public
20 Property;

21 (7) Rodney Hamilton made numerous contribu-
22 tions to help make Lafayette a better place, includ-
23 ing leading efforts to secure and build the commu-
24 nity-based outpatient clinic of the Department of

1 Veterans Affairs in Lafayette, which opened in
2 2016;

3 (8) Due to the dedication of Rodney Hamilton
4 in realizing the community-based outpatient clinic in
5 Lafayette, the street on which the clinic is located
6 was named in his honor and now bears signs saying,
7 “Veterans Way, Honorary Rodney Hamilton”; and

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

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

15 (c) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any law, regula-
16 tion, map, document, paper, or other record of the United
17 States to the clinic referred to in subsection (b) shall be
18 considered to be a reference to the Rodney C. Hamilton
19 Sr. VA Clinic.

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