

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3861

To name the front circle drive on the north side of the Oscar G. Johnson Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility in Iron Mountain, Michigan, as the “Sergeant First Class James D. Priestap Drive”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 1, 2012

Mr. BENISHEK introduced the following bill; which was 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. NAME OF THE FRONT CIRCLE DRIVE OF THE**
4 **OSCAR G. JOHNSON DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
5 **ERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL FACILITY, IRON**
6 **MOUNTAIN, MICHIGAN.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Sergeant First Class James D. Priestap
2 was born on June 2, 1967, in Royal Oak, Michigan.

3 (2) Priestap became a resident of the Foster
4 City, Michigan, area in 1970 and graduated from
5 North Dickinson High School in 1985.

6 (3) He attended Ferris State University and
7 Northern Michigan University.

8 (4) Priestap joined the Navy as a rescue swim-
9 mer.

10 (5) He later worked as a police officer at the
11 Oscar G. Johnson Department of Veterans Affairs
12 Medical Facility in Iron Mountain, Michigan.

13 (6) While serving in the Michigan National
14 Guard, he was assigned to the 46th Military Police
15 Company in Kingsford, Michigan.

16 (7) Priestap was deployed to Iraq on July 9,
17 2006.

18 (8) While on duty, Priestap was fatally shot at
19 a checkpoint in Baghdad on Thanksgiving Day, No-
20 vember 23, 2006.

21 (9) On December 3, 2006, Priestap was laid to
22 rest with full military honors in his hometown of
23 Foster City.

24 (10) Priestap's awards and decorations include
25 the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Navy, Ma-

1 rine, and Army Achievement Medals, the Army Good
2 Conduct Medal, the National Defense Medal, the
3 Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terror
4 Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terror
5 Service Medal, and the Combat Action Badge.

6 (b) NAME OF DRIVE.—The front circle drive on the
7 north side of the Oscar G. Johnson Department of Vet-
8 erans Affairs Medical Facility in Iron Mountain, Michi-
9 gan, shall after the date of the enactment of this Act be
10 known and designated as the “Sergeant First Class James
11 D. Priestap Drive”. Any reference to such drive in any
12 law, regulation, map, document, record, or other paper of
13 the United States shall be considered to be a reference
14 to the Sergeant First Class James D. Priestap Drive.

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