

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2128

To name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Waco, Texas,
as the “Doris Miller Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 13, 2014

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

A BILL

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in Waco, Texas, as the “Doris Miller Department of
Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) On October 12, 1919, Doris Miller was born
6 in Waco, Texas.

7 (2) On September 16, 1939, Miller enlisted in
8 the United States Navy as mess attendant, third
9 class at Naval Recruiting Station, Dallas, Texas, to
10 serve for a period of six years.

1 (3) On February 16, 1941, Miller received a
2 change of rating to mess attendant, second class.

3 (4) On June 1, 1942, Miller received a change
4 of rating to mess attendant, first class.

5 (5) On June 1, 1943, Miller received a change
6 of rating, to cook, third class.

7 (6) On November 25, 1944, Miller was pre-
8 sumed dead by the Secretary of the Navy a year and
9 a day after being carried as missing in action since
10 November 24, 1943, while serving aboard USS
11 Liscome Bay when that vessel was torpedoed and
12 sunk in the Pacific Ocean.

13 (7) Miller was awarded the Navy Cross Medal,
14 Purple Heart Medal, American Defense Service
15 Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and World
16 War II Victory Medal.

17 (8) Miller's citation for the Navy Cross said
18 "for distinguished devotion to duty, extraordinary
19 courage and disregard for his own personal safety
20 during the attack on the Fleet in Pearl Harbor, Ter-
21 ritory of Hawaii, by Japanese forces on December 7,
22 1941. While at the side of his Captain on the bridge,
23 Miller, despite enemy strafing and bombing and in
24 the face of a serious fire, assisted in moving his
25 Captain, who had been mortally wounded, to a place

1 of greater safety, and later manned and operated a
2 machine gun directed at enemy Japanese attacking
3 aircraft until ordered to leave the bridge.”.

4 (9) On June 20, 1973, the USS Miller (FF-
5 1091), a Knox-class frigate, was named in honor of
6 Doris Miller.

7 **SEC. 2. NAME OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

8 **MEDICAL CENTER, WACO, TEXAS.**

9 The Department of Veterans Affairs medical center
10 in Waco, Texas, shall after the date of the enactment of
11 this Act be known and designated as the “Doris Miller
12 Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”. Any ref-
13 erence to such medical center in any law, regulation, map,
14 document, record, or other paper of the United States
15 shall be considered to be a reference to the Doris Miller
16 Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

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