

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 2634

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

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

AN ACT

To designate the Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Facility Expansion of the Department of Veterans Affairs Alvin C. York Medical Center in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, as the “Sergeant John Toombs Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Facility”.

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) Sergeant John Toombs of Murfreesboro,
4 Tennessee, served in the Tennessee Army National
5 Guard as a part of the highly distinguished 230th
6 Signal Corps.

7 (2) His six years in the National Guard in-
8 cluded a deployment to Afghanistan, where Sergeant
9 Toombs proudly served as a guard and escort for
10 visiting dignitaries and reporters traveling into high-
11 ly dangerous, war ravaged areas in Afghanistan.

12 (3) As a result of his service in Afghanistan,
13 Sergeant Toombs developed symptoms of
14 Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), a disability
15 he continued to suffer from after leaving the Na-
16 tional Guard in 2014.

17 (4) After two years of battling PTSD and fail-
18 ing to receive the necessary treatment, Sgt. Toombs
19 tragically took his own life in November of 2016.

20 (5) However, the life of Sergeant Toombs has
21 impacted other veterans in Tennessee suffering from
22 PTSD. Since this devastating tragedy, positive
23 measures have been made to raise awareness and
24 improve the overall treatment of veterans suffering
25 from PTSD within the Tennessee Valley Healthcare
26 System.

1 **SEC. 2. SERGEANT JOHN TOOMBS RESIDENTIAL REHABILI-**
2 **TATION TREATMENT FACILITY.**

3 (a) DESIGNATION.—The Mental Health Residential
4 Rehabilitation Treatment Facility Expansion of the De-
5 partment of Veterans Affairs Alvin C. York Medical Cen-
6 ter in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, shall be known and des-
7 ignated as the “Sergeant John Toombs Residential Reha-
8 bilitation Treatment Facility”, after the date of the enact-
9 ment of this Act.

10 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any law, regula-
11 tion, map, document, paper, or other record of the United
12 States to the Alvin C. York Mental Health Residential Re-
13 habilitation Treatment Facility referred to in subsection
14 (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Sergeant
15 John Toombs Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Facil-
16 ity”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 25,
2018.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.