

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 7511

To designate the clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Des Moines, Iowa, as the “Staff Sergeant Edgar Torres-Tovar VA Clinic” and to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department in Marshalltown, Iowa, as the “Staff Sergeant William Nathaniel Howard VA Clinic”.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2026

Mr. NUNN of Iowa (for himself, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mrs. HINSON, and Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Iowa National Guard  
5        Heroes Commemoration Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF STAFF SERGEANT EDGAR**  
2 **TORRES-TOVAR VA CLINIC.**

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

4 (1) Staff Sergeant Edgar Brian Torres-Tovar  
5 was born in DeKalb, Illinois, on October 17, 2000,  
6 and raised in Des Moines, Iowa.

7 (2) Staff Sergeant Torres-Tovar graduated  
8 from Dowling Catholic High School in West Des  
9 Moines, Iowa, in 2019.

10 (3) On February 21, 2019, Staff Sergeant  
11 Torres-Tovar enlisted in the United States Army.

12 (4) Staff Sergeant Torres-Tovar was the first  
13 in his family to serve in the Armed Forces.

14 (5) Staff Sergeant Torres-Tovar deployed to  
15 Kosovo in November 2020, supporting United States  
16 and allied operations, and deployed to Syria in July  
17 2025 in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

18 (6) Staff Sergeant Torres-Tovar served as a  
19 Cavalry Scout with Troop B, 1st Squadron, 113th  
20 Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th  
21 Infantry Division of the Iowa National Guard.

22 (7) On December 13, 2025, Staff Sergeant  
23 Torres-Tovar was killed in action in Palmyra, Syria,  
24 while supporting United States counterterrorism op-  
25 erations.



1           (3) At the age of 17, while a high school senior,  
2           Staff Sergeant Howard enlisted in the Iowa National  
3           Guard on November 27, 2013, completing basic  
4           combat training and advanced individual training at  
5           Fort Benning, Georgia.

6           (4) Staff Sergeant Howard deployed to Kosovo  
7           from November 2020 to July 2021 in support of  
8           United States and allied operations, served on the  
9           Texas border from April 2024 to May 2024, and de-  
10          ployed to Syria in July 2025 in support of Operation  
11          Inherent Resolve.

12          (5) Staff Sergeant Howard served as a Cavalry  
13          Scout with Troop B, 1st Squadron, 113th Cavalry  
14          Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infan-  
15          try Division of the Iowa National Guard.

16          (6) On December 13, 2025, Staff Sergeant  
17          Howard was killed in action in Palmyra, Syria, while  
18          supporting United States counterterrorism oper-  
19          ations.

20          (7) Staff Sergeant Howard was awarded the  
21          Bronze Star Medal with Valor, the Purple Heart,  
22          the Combat Action Badge, and the Army Com-  
23          mendation Medal with Combat Device for heroic  
24          service in combat.

1           (b) DESIGNATION.—The outpatient clinic of the De-  
2   partment of Veterans Affairs located at 201 East Merle  
3   Hibbs Boulevard, Marshalltown, Iowa, shall after the date  
4   of the enactment of this Act be known and designated as  
5   the “Staff Sergeant William Nathaniel Howard VA Clin-  
6   ic” or the “Nate Howard VA Clinic”.

7           (c) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any law, regula-  
8   tion, map, document, paper, or other record of the United  
9   States to the clinic referred to in subsection (b) shall be  
10  considered to be a reference to the Staff Sergeant William  
11  Nathaniel Howard VA Clinic.

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