

There was no objection.

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3672, a bill to designate the clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Indian River, Michigan, as the "Pfc. Justin T. Paton Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic."

Justin Paton was born on July Fourth, 1982, in Emmet County, Michigan. He joined the U.S. Army in 2005 and deployed to Iraq in October 2006, assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division based out of Fort Hood, Texas.

While deployed to Iraq in 2007, his unit came in contact with the enemy just north of Baghdad, with small arms fire being exchanged. While in this firefight, Private First Class Paton was hit by an Iraqi sniper and did not survive his wounds. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He bravely answered the Nation's call when it came, like many others before him and so many after.

Naming the VA clinic in his hometown, which he so loved, is an honor that would be a fitting remembrance of Private First Class Paton's life and sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to support H.R. 3672, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my support for H.R. 3672, a bill that would honor the service and sacrifice of Private First Class Justin T. Paton, who was killed by enemy fire during combat operations 40 miles north of Baghdad in February 2007. He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star for his contributions to our country while deployed.

Despite being only 24 years old when he died, Private First Class Paton nonetheless left his mark on the world. A native of the Indian River area, many in his community were struck by his character and leadership potential.

Shortly after word of his death spread throughout the Indian River community, Private First Class Paton's high school football coach noted that he was "the kind of kid you hope your own son grows up to be."

It seems fitting that a clinic where veterans receive the care they earned would be named after Private First Class Paton.

Before enlisting in the Army in 2005, he worked as a rehabilitation technician at Northern Michigan Hospital. The VA providers at the clinic that will bear his name will carry on Private First Class Paton's legacy of serving members of his community.

I thank my colleague, Representative BERGMAN, for introducing this legislation to recognize Private First Class Paton's heroic service to our Nation by designating the Indian River, Michigan, VA clinic as the "Pfc. Justin T. Paton Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic."

We shall never forget the sacrifices of young men and women like Private

First Class Paton, who bravely raised their right hand and swore an oath to protect and defend our Nation.

This bill has letters of support from The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and the members of the Michigan delegation.

Mr. Speaker, I support H.R. 3672 and urge my colleagues to do the same. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BERGMAN), the sponsor of this legislation and also a very good friend.

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank all my colleagues for getting involved in this relevant and timely bill.

I rise today in support of H.R. 3672 to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Indian River, Michigan, as the "Pfc. Justin T. Paton Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic."

It is an honor for me to lead this legislation to rename the VA care facility in the hometown and the final resting place of a young man who embodied the ethic of service above self as he gave his last full measure of devotion for our Nation.

Justin Paton was born and raised in northern Michigan and graduated from Inland Lakes High School in the year 2000. Feeling called to serve, he enlisted in the Army in 2005 and was deployed to Iraq on October 31, 2006. There, he was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, Delta Company and was named one of the unit leaders.

In February 2007, at the age of 24, he was killed in action in Iraq when his patrol came under intense sniper fire north of Baghdad.

Private First Class Paton was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star for his sacrifice and heroism.

He is interred in the Ohioville Cemetery, just down the road from the Indian River VA clinic opening later this year that I am confident will bear his name.

Naming the Indian River CBOC is one small way to honor Justin and his family's sacrifice. His legacy is beyond deserving of the designation that we are seeking today.

I sincerely thank Pfc. Paton's family for all of their support. I thank the local leaders in Indian River and Tuscarora Township, who have been key in our efforts; the Michigan veterans service organizations for backing this bill; and the entirety of my Michigan delegation colleagues, who have come together in a bipartisan manner to co-sponsor this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 3672.

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in passing H.R. 3672 to designate the clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Indian River, Michigan, as the "Pfc. Justin T. Paton Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic."

I thank my colleague, General BERGMAN, for bringing this legislation to the floor. It is always a poignant matter to consider the sacrifice of such a young American.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, once again, I encourage all Members to support this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3672, which designates the clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Indian River, Michigan as the "Pfc. Justin T. Paton Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic."

This bill honors Private First Class Justin T. Paton and his courageous service to our Nation.

Today and every day, I stand with our Nation's veterans and their brave and selfless service in support of our freedoms.

Over 280,000 of our Nation's veterans reside in the city of Houston and I am proud to fight every day for the honor, recognition, and appreciation they, and all of our Nation's veterans, deserve.

Veterans have kept their promise to serve our Nation; they have willingly risked their lives to protect the country we all love.

We must now ensure that we keep our promises to our veterans by recognizing, remembering, and honoring their service.

I urge my colleagues to join me today in recognizing and honoring the service and sacrifice of Private First Class Justin Paton.

This bill honors the Indian River native who valiantly served in the United States Army with the 1st Cavalry Division, Delta Company until he was killed in action by enemy fire.

Private First Class Justin Paton gave his last full measure of devotion to the United States as he was killed by hostile sniper fire in Iraq in February 2007 at the age of 24.

Paton served as unit leader of his Company and was posthumously awarded a Bronze Star for his selfless actions in service to a grateful Nation.

As such, I rise in support of this bill, which honors his memory by designating the Department of Veterans Affairs clinic in his hometown as the "Pfc. Justin T. Paton Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BOST) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3672.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

CONTINUATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE WESTERN BALKANS—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 118-48)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message

from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001, under which additional steps were taken in Executive Order 13304 of May 28, 2003, and which was expanded in scope in Executive Order 14033 of June 8, 2021, is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2023.

The acts of extremist violence and obstructionist activity, and the situation in the Western Balkans, which stymies progress toward effective and democratic governance and full integration into transatlantic institutions, outlined in these Executive Orders, continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13219 with respect to the Western Balkans.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 20, 2023.

□ 1630

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Order 13466 of June 26, 2008, expanded in scope in Executive Order 13551 of August 30, 2010, addressed further in Executive Order 13570 of April 18, 2011, further expanded in scope in Executive Order 13687 of January 2, 2015, and under which additional steps were taken in Executive Order 13722 of March 15, 2016, and Executive Order 13810 of September 20, 2017, is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2023.

The existence and risk of the proliferation of weapons-usable fissile material on the Korean Peninsula; the actions and policies of the Government of North Korea that destabilize the Korean Peninsula and imperil United States Armed Forces, allies, and trading partners in the region, including its pursuit of nuclear and missile programs; and other provocative, destabilizing, and repressive actions and policies of the Government of North Korea, continue to constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States.

For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13466 with respect to North Korea.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 20, 2023.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. FALLON) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

VETERAN ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING ACT OF 2023

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1606) to amend the Small Business Act to codify the Boots to Business Program, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ELLZEY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 407, nays 0, not voting 26, as follows:

[Roll No. 272]

YEAS—407

Adams	DeGette	Johnson (OH)
Aderholt	DeLauro	Johnson (SD)
Aguilar	DelBene	Jordan
Alford	Deluzio	Joyce (OH)
Allen	DeSaulnier	Joyce (PA)
Allred	DesJarlais	Kamlager-Dove
Amodi	Diaz-Balart	Kaptur
Armstrong	Doggett	Kean (NJ)
Arrington	Donalds	Keating
Auchincloss	Duarte	Kelly (IL)
Babin	Duncan	Kelly (MS)
Bacon	Dunn (FL)	Kelly (PA)
Baird	Edwards	Khanna
Balderson	Ellzey	Kildee
Balint	Emmer	Kiley
Banks	Escobar	Kim (CA)
Barr	Eshoo	Kim (NJ)
Barragán	Españillat	Kuster
Bean (FL)	Estes	Kustoff
Beatty	Evans	LaHood
Bentz	Ezell	LaLota
Bera	Fallon	LaMalfa
Bergman	Feenstra	Lamborn
Beyer	Ferguson	Landsman
Bice	Finstad	Langworthy
Biggs	Fischbach	Larsen (WA)
Bilirakis	Fitzgerald	Larson (CT)
Bishop (GA)	Fitzpatrick	Latta
Bishop (NC)	Fleischmann	LaTurner
Blumenauer	Fletcher	Lawler
Blunt Rochester	Foster	Lee (CA)
Boebert	Foushee	Lee (FL)
Bonamici	Fox	Lee (NV)
Bost	Frankel, Lois	Lee (PA)
Bowman	Franklin, C.	Leger Fernandez
Boyle (PA)	Scott	Lesko
Brecheen	Frost	Letlow
Brown	Fry	Levin
Brownley	Fulcher	Lieu
Buck	Gaetz	Lofgren
Bucshon	Garamendi	Loudermilk
Budzinski	Garbarino	Lucas
Burchett	Garcia (IL)	Luetkemeyer
Burgess	Garcia (TX)	Luna
Burlison	Garcia, Mike	Luttrell
Bush	Garcia, Robert	Lynch
Calvert	Golden (ME)	Mace
Caraveo	Goldman (NY)	Magaziner
Carbajal	Gomez	Malliotakis
Cárdenas	Gonzales, Tony	Mann
Carey	Gonzalez,	Manning
Carl	Vicente	Massie
Carson	Good (VA)	Mast
Carter (GA)	Gooden (TX)	Matsui
Carter (LA)	Gosar	McBath
Carter (TX)	Gottheimer	McCaul
Cartwright	Granger	McClain
Casar	Graves (LA)	McClellan
Case	Graves (MO)	McClintock
Casten	Green (TN)	McCollum
Castor (FL)	Green, Al (TX)	McCormick
Chavez-DeRemer	Greene (GA)	McGarvey
Cherfilus-	Griffith	McGovern
McCormick	Grothman	McHenry
Chu	Guest	Meeks
Ciscomani	Guthrie	Menendez
Clark (MA)	Hageman	Meuser
Clarke (NY)	Harder (CA)	Mfume
Cleaver	Harris	Miller (IL)
Cline	Harshbarger	Miller (OH)
Cloud	Hayes	Miller (WV)
Clyburn	Hern	Miller-Meeks
Clyde	Higgins (LA)	Mills
Cohen	Higgins (NY)	Molinaro
Cole	Hill	Moore (AL)
Collins	Himes	Moore (UT)
Comer	Hinson	Moore (WI)
Connolly	Horsford	Moran
Correa	Houchin	Morelle
Costa	Houlihan	Moskowitz
Courtney	Hoyle (OR)	Moulton
Craig	Hudson	Mrvan
Crane	Huffman	Mullin
Crawford	Huizenga	Murphy
Crenshaw	Hunt	Nadler
Crockett	Issa	Napolitano
Crow	Ivey	Neal
Cuellar	Jackson (IL)	Neguse
Curtis	Jackson (NC)	Nehls
D'Esposito	Jackson (TX)	Newhouse
Davids (KS)	Jacobs	Nickel
Davidson	James	Norcross
Davis (IL)	Jayapal	Norman
Davis (NC)	Jeffries	Nunn (IA)
De La Cruz	Johnson (GA)	Oberholte
Dean (PA)	Johnson (LA)	Ocasio-Cortez