

119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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To designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Lafayette, Louisiana, as the “Rodney C. Hamilton Sr. VA Clinic”.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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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. DESIGNATION OF RODNEY C. HAMILTON SR. VA**  
4 **CLINIC IN LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

6 (1) Rodney Carroll Hamilton Sr. was born in  
7 Fort Worth, Texas, on March 24, 1932, and his  
8 family moved to Lafayette, Louisiana, in the sum-  
9 mer of 1948;

1           (2) in 1949, at age 17, Rodney Hamilton joined  
2           the reserve components of the Marine Corps at the  
3           urging of his football coach, Lou Campbell, while at-  
4           tending Lafayette High School;

5           (3) Rodney Hamilton served the United States  
6           during the Korean War, was wounded in combat in  
7           September 1951, and was awarded the Purple  
8           Heart;

9           (4) Rodney Hamilton loved the Marine Corps  
10          and was proud of all Marines who served the United  
11          States;

12          (5) Rodney Hamilton was a member of the Ma-  
13          rine Corps League, the Military Order of the Purple  
14          Heart, and the Veteran's Action Coalition of South-  
15          west Louisiana, where he served as Founder and  
16          Chairman Emeritus;

17          (6) Rodney Hamilton served as a full-time  
18          elected official in the Lafayette City Government  
19          from 1968 through 1972 as a Trustee of Public  
20          Property;

21          (7) Rodney Hamilton made numerous contribu-  
22          tions to help make Lafayette a better place, includ-  
23          ing leading efforts to secure and build the commu-  
24          nity-based outpatient clinic of the Department of

1 Veterans Affairs in Lafayette, which opened in  
2 2016;

3 (8) due to the dedication of Rodney Hamilton  
4 in realizing the community-based outpatient clinic in  
5 Lafayette, the street on which the clinic is located  
6 was named in his honor and now bears signs saying,  
7 “Veterans Way, Honorary Rodney Hamilton”; and

8 (9) Rodney Hamilton passed away at the age of  
9 88 on November 30, 2020.

10 (b) DESIGNATION.—The community-based outpatient  
11 clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Lafayette,  
12 Louisiana, shall after the date of the enactment of this  
13 Act be known and designated as the “Rodney C. Hamilton  
14 Sr. VA Clinic”.

15 (c) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any law, regula-  
16 tion, map, document, paper, or other record of the United  
17 States to the clinic referred to in subsection (b) shall be  
18 considered to be a reference to the Rodney C. Hamilton  
19 Sr. VA Clinic.