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# H. R. 7903

To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Canton, Michigan, as the “Major General Oliver W. Dillard VA Outpatient Clinic”.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 27, 2022

Ms. STEVENS (for herself, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. MELJER, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. UPTON, Mr. WALBERG, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mrs. MCCLAIN, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. TLAIB, and Mrs. LAWRENCE) 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. FINDINGS.**

4       Congress finds the following:

5               (1) Oliver W. Dillard was born on September  
6       28, 1926, in Margaret, Alabama.

7               (2) In 1945, following basic training he was  
8       drafted and was assigned to the 349th Field Artil-

1 lery Group in Germany as part of the World War II  
2 army of occupation. He was selected to serve as  
3 company clerk and began to work his way through  
4 the ranks, attaining Technical Sergeant.

5 (3) Dillard successfully completed the Officer  
6 Candidate School (OCS) selection process and was  
7 approved for attendance at the Infantry OCS at  
8 Fort Benning in January 1947. He received a com-  
9 mission as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry after  
10 graduating from Infantry OCS in July 1947 and  
11 was the honor graduate of his Infantry officers basic  
12 course.

13 (4) He served in command and intelligence po-  
14 sitions in Korea, Germany, and Vietnam.

15 (5) During his service, Dillard graduated from  
16 the Army Command and General Staff College  
17 (CGSC) in 1958, where he was one of only three  
18 Black officers in his class. After CGSC, he com-  
19 pleted his bachelor's degree at the University of  
20 Omaha leveraging his earlier studies at Tuskegee In-  
21 stitute.

22 (6) In 1965, Mr. Dillard graduated from the  
23 National War College, becoming the first Black offi-  
24 cer to do so. He graduated at the top of his class.

1 (7) MG Dillard’s military awards include the  
 2 Distinguished Service Medal with one Oak Leaf  
 3 Cluster, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit with  
 4 two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star with one  
 5 Oak Leaf Cluster and “V” Device, the Purple  
 6 Heart, the Air Medal, the Combat Infantryman’s  
 7 Badge with Star (two awards), the Army Staff Identification  
 8 Badge, and the Vietnam Distinguished  
 9 Service Order (1st and 2d Class). Dillard also received  
 10 two civilian awards from the Republic of Vietnam,  
 11 the Vietnam Rural Revolutionary Development  
 12 Medal and the Vietnam Ethnic Development Service  
 13 Medal (1st Class).

14 (8) Dillard was inducted into the United States  
 15 Army’s Military Intelligence Hall of Fame in 2012,  
 16 the Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame in 2012,  
 17 and the Alabama Military Hall of Honor in 2013.

18 (9) He died in Canton, Michigan, in 2015, and  
 19 is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

20 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATE OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
 21 **COMMUNITY-BASED OUTPATIENT**  
 22 **CLINIC, CANTON, MICHIGAN.**

23 (a) DESIGNATION.—The community-based outpatient  
 24 clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Canton,  
 25 Michigan, shall after the date of the enactment of this Act

1 be known and designated as the “Major General Oliver  
2 W. Dillard VA Outpatient Clinic”.

3 (b) REFERENCES.— Any reference in a law, map,  
4 regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United  
5 States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall  
6 be deemed to be a reference to the “Major General Oliver  
7 W. Dillard VA Outpatient Clinic”.

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