

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4328

To rename the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in San Angelo, Texas, the “Colonel Charles and JoAnne Powell VA Clinic”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 1, 2021

Mr. PFLUGER (for himself, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CUELLAR, and Mr. VELA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs

A BILL

To rename the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in San Angelo, Texas, the “Colonel Charles and JoAnne Powell VA Clinic”.

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) Colonel Charles Powell and his wife, Mrs.
6 Joanne Powell, served the community of San Angelo,
7 Texas, with character and dignity.

1 (2) Colonel Powell served as the base com-
2 mander of Goodfellow Air Force Base from 1980-
3 1984.

4 (3) When the Powells moved to San Angelo,
5 Charles was ordered to help Goodfellow avoid closure
6 and the displacement of many members of the
7 Armed Forces from the community they had grown
8 to love.

9 (4) The impact of Charles' career can still be
10 felt today at Goodfellow Air Force Base, as it serves
11 as a training school for thousands of members from
12 every Armed Force to train in cryptology, intel-
13 ligence, and firefighting.

14 (5) Joanne assisted thousands of constituents
15 in the district offices of Representatives Tom Loeff-
16 ler, Lamar Smith, K. Michael Conaway, and Au-
17 gust Pfluger.

18 (6) One of the several duties Joanne spear-
19 headed was the annual process of nominations to the
20 military service academies, which was always a year-
21 round process for her.

22 (7) With Joanne's assistance, many of the
23 young men and women of the 11th District went on
24 to serve the Nation and attend one of the military
25 service academies.

1 (8) In addition, Joanne was a fierce advocate of
2 veterans and helped thousands of individuals gain
3 access to the benefits they rightfully earned.

4 (9) Joanne’s compassion and dedication helped
5 make the Concho Valley a better place.

6 **SEC. 2. NAME OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**
7 **COMMUNITY-BASED OUTPATIENT CLINIC,**
8 **SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.**

9 The Department of Veterans Affairs community-
10 based outpatient clinic in San Angelo, Texas, shall after
11 the date of the enactment of this Act be known and des-
12 ignated as the “Colonel Charles and JoAnne Powell VA
13 Clinic”. Any reference to such clinic in any law, regula-
14 tion, map, document, record, or other paper of the United
15 States shall be considered to be a reference to the Colonel
16 Charles and JoAnne Powell VA Clinic.

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