

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7925

To designate the outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Palm Desert, California, as the “Sy Kaplan Veterans Center”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 31, 2022

Mr. RUIZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs

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) Seymour “Sy” Kaplan was born on Feb-
6 ruary 28, 1924.

7 (2) Sergeant Kaplan served in the United
8 States Army from 1942 to 1945 as a combat engi-
9 neer.

1 (3) Sergeant Kaplan served in the 2d, 4th, and
2 14th Armored Divisions, seeing service in North Af-
3 rica, Italy, and France.

4 (4) Sergeant Kaplan rose to the rank of Tech-
5 nical Sergeant and earned 3 Battle Stars and 2 Pur-
6 ple Hearts.

7 (5) Sergeant Kaplan served under General
8 George Patton at the Battle of the Bulge and re-
9 ceived 2 Purple Hearts for his service.

10 (6) In April 1945, Sergeant Kaplan was griev-
11 ously wounded in an enemy mortar attack in
12 Czechoslovakia and returned to the United States a
13 wounded warrior.

14 (7) Sergeant Kaplan served as Commander of
15 the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 78
16 (Coachella Valley) for many years.

17 (8) Sergeant Kaplan was instrumental in the
18 opening of the Department of Veterans Affairs clinic
19 in Palm Desert.

20 (9) Sergeant Kaplan personally provided count-
21 less local veterans with advice and assistance in ob-
22 taining their earned Department of Veterans Affairs
23 benefits.

1 (10) Sergeant Kaplan received the Senior Inspi-
2 ration Award from Riverside County Supervisor Roy
3 Wilson in 2001.

4 (11) Wilson also appointed Sergeant Kaplan
5 the first chair of the Desert Palms Community
6 Council.

7 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF SY KAPLAN VETERANS CENTER.**

8 (a) DESIGNATION.—The outpatient clinic of the De-
9 partment of Veterans Affairs in Palm Desert, California,
10 shall after the date of the enactment of this Act be known
11 and designated as the “Sy Kaplan Veterans Center”.

12 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
13 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
14 States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall
15 be deemed to be a reference to the “Sy Kaplan Veterans
16 Center”.

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