

110TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1808

To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia, as the “Charlie Norwood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 2007

Mr. KINGSTON (for himself, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. LINDER, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. BARROW, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. BONNER, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. BOSWELL, Mrs. MUSGRAVE, Mr. HAYES, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. REHBERG, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. DELAHUNT, Ms. FALLIN, Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Ms. FOXX, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee, Mr. DINGELL, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. WAMP, Mr. BUYER, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. UPTON, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. WOLF, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. LAHOOD, Mrs. DRAKE, Mr. GOODE, Mr. PITTS, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. COBLE, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. BURGESS, Ms. CARSON, Mr. PETRI, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. BACA, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. REYNOLDS, Mr. DUNCAN, Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. KING of Iowa, and Mr. BOUSTANY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs

A BILL

To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical

Center in Augusta, Georgia, as the “Charlie Norwood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

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) Charlie Norwood volunteered for service in
6 the United States Army Dental Corps in a time of
7 war, providing dental and medical services in the Re-
8 public of Vietnam in 1968, earning the Combat
9 Medical Badge and two awards of the Bronze Star.

10 (2) Captain Norwood, under combat conditions,
11 helped develop the Dental Corps operating proce-
12 dures, that are now standard, of delivering dentists
13 to forward-fire bases, and providing dental treat-
14 ment for military service dogs.

15 (3) Captain Norwood provided dental, emer-
16 gency medical, and surgical care for United States
17 personnel, Vietnamese civilians, and prisoners-of-
18 war.

19 (4) Dr. Norwood provided military dental care
20 at Fort Gordon, Georgia, following his service in
21 Vietnam, then provided private-practice dental care
22 for the next 25 years for patients in the greater Au-
23 gusta, Georgia, area, including care for military per-
24 sonnel, retirees, and dependents under Department

1 of Defense programs and for low-income patients
2 under Georgia Medicaid.

3 (5) Congressman Norwood, upon being sworn
4 into the United States House of Representatives in
5 1995, pursued the advancement of health and dental
6 care for active duty and retired military personnel
7 and dependents, and for veterans, through his public
8 advocacy for strengthened Federal support for mili-
9 tary and veterans' health care programs and facili-
10 ties.

11 (6) Congressman Norwood co-authored and
12 helped pass into law the Keep our Promises to
13 America's Military Retirees Act, which restored life-
14 time healthcare benefits to veterans who are military
15 retirees through the creation of the Department of
16 Defense TRICARE for Life Program.

17 (7) Congressman Norwood supported and
18 helped pass into law the Retired Pay Restoration
19 Act providing relief from the concurrent receipt rule
20 penalizing disabled veterans who were also military
21 retirees.

22 (8) Throughout his congressional service from
23 1995 to 2007, Congressman Norwood repeatedly de-
24 feated attempts to reduce Federal support for the
25 Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in

1 Augusta, Georgia, and succeeded in maintaining and
2 increasing Federal funding for the center.

3 (9) Congressman Norwood maintained a life
4 membership in the American Legion, the Veterans of
5 Foreign Wars, and the Military Order of the World
6 Wars.

7 (10) Congressman Norwood's role in protecting
8 and improving military and veteran's health care
9 was recognized by the Association of the United
10 States Army through the presentation of the Cocklin
11 Award in 1998, and through his induction into the
12 Association's Audie Murphy Society in 1999.

13 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF CHARLIE NORWOOD DEPART-**
14 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CEN-**
15 **TER.**

16 (a) DESIGNATION.—The Department of Veterans Af-
17 fairs Medical Center located at 1 Freedom Way in Au-
18 gusta, Georgia, shall after the date of the enactment of
19 this Act be known and designated as the “Charlie Nor-
20 wood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

21 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any law, regula-
22 tion, map, document, record, or other paper of the United
23 States to the medical center referred to in subsection (a)

1 shall be considered to be a reference to the Charlie Nor-
2 wood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

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