

in the 1st Marine Division attached to a force reconnaissance company in Vietnam. He is credited with saving the lives of countless marines during combat.

Steve earned the Navy Commendation Medal and Purple Heart for his service. I can personally attest that countless marines and new generations of Americans owe their lives to Navy corpsmen. Their service must never be forgotten, which is one of the reasons we are working to memorialize Steve Andrews with this legislation.

Steve led a dedicated, full life of public service. From 1979 to 1982, he represented Michigan's 106th District as a State representative fighting for Michiganders' best interests in Lansing. Giving back to the community in which he grew up, Steve coached local youth sports, helped found Petoskey Art in the Park, and sat on the boards of the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce and North Central College.

I personally met Steve in a rocking chair in January of 2016. He was terminal with cancer at that point. He did not hesitate to reach out to someone he had never met before in his life and share his thoughts on what it meant to be a public servant. I am deeply indebted to his perspective.

His legacy is beyond deserving of the designation that we are seeking today. I thank his loving family for all their support; his friends, who initiated this legislation; the Michigan veterans service organizations backing us up; and the entirety of my Michigan delegation colleagues for coming together in a bipartisan manner to cosponsor this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1281.

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to support the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in passing H.R. 1281, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. TAKANO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1281.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ROBERT S. POYDASHEFF VA CLINIC

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3475) to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Columbus, Georgia, as the "Robert S. Poydasheff VA Clinic".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3475

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Former Columbus, Georgia, Mayor Robert S. Poydasheff died on September 24, 2020.

(2) He earned a B.A. in Political Science from the Citadel in 1954, a J.D. from Tulane University Law School in 1957, an M.A. in International Relations from Boston University's Graduate Program in Berlin, Germany, in 1967, and attended the Hague Academy of International Law in the Netherlands in preparation for a military and subsequent civilian career that focused on serving others.

(3) In 1955, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry Branch of the United States Army, and he was reassigned to the Judge Advocate General's Corps.

(4) He was a 1976 graduate of the United States Army War College and served a total of 24 years, retiring as a Colonel in 1979.

(5) He was decorated with the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star Medal, and Vietnam Ribbon with Four Battle Stars, and during his military career and because of his expert legal acumen he was assigned to work on the biggest cases of the time in which he served, but during this he never lost sight of what he considered his primary role, which was to take care of soldiers.

(6) Robert S. Poydasheff was appointed as legal counsel to the Secretary of the Army and served the needs of all soldiers by helping to shape Army policy.

(7) In 2012, the Army War College Foundation named Colonel Poydasheff an Outstanding Alumnus in recognition of his wide-ranging service to his community after his retirement from active duty.

(8) Colonel Poydasheff served on the Columbus, Georgia City Council from 1994 to 2002, helping all citizens of the community he had come to love while concurrently serving Fort Benning and his beloved soldiers.

(9) He was elected Mayor of Columbus, Georgia, in 2002, served a four-year term and maintained a focus on community-based programs as well as strengthening the relationship between the city and Fort Benning.

(10) During that time he made great contributions to the joint military and civilian communities of Columbus, Georgia, and Fort Benning, appointing first a fellow soldier and later the first African American to the City Manager position, while knowing that doing so would be at his own political peril.

(11) After his service as Mayor of Columbus, Georgia, Robert S. Poydasheff found continued success as a practicing lawyer helping countless citizens and soldiers living in the city he once led as well as advocating for many soldiers in the area.

(12) His continued interest in the betterment of the city as well as his contributions to the Veterans Action Committee has a continued impact to this day.

(13) He served as past president of the Chattahoochee Council Boy Scouts of America, past president of the Chattahoochee Valley Association of the United States Army, past president of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, member of the Board of Directors of the Springer Opera Arts Association, past president of the Ann Elizabeth Shepherd Home, and member of the Kiwanis Club and Columbus Bar Association.

SEC. 2. NAME OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMUNITY-BASED OUTPATIENT CLINIC, COLUMBUS, GEORGIA.

The Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Columbus, Georgia, shall after the date of the enact-

ment of this Act be known and designated as the "Robert S. Poydasheff VA Clinic". Any reference to such clinic in any law, regulation, map, document, record, or other paper of the United States shall be considered to be a reference to the Robert S. Poydasheff VA Clinic.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. TAKANO) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BOST) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to insert extraneous material on H.R. 3475.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life of Colonel Robert S. Poydasheff, who passed away on September 24, 2020.

I thank my colleague, Representative SANFORD BISHOP from Georgia, for introducing this legislation so that we can pay tribute to a distinguished servicemember who advocated for veterans throughout his life.

Robert Poydasheff received his bachelor of arts in political science from The Citadel in 1954. In 1955, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army as an infantry officer. After completing his law education at Tulane University, Mr. Poydasheff continued his military career in the Judge Advocate General's Corps.

Mr. Poydasheff was appointed as legal counsel for the Secretary of the Army, helping to shape better policy for all Army soldiers. He graduated from the United States Army War College in 1976 and retired in 1979, achieving the rank of colonel.

During Colonel Poydasheff's 24 years of military service, he was awarded the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star Medal, and a Vietnam Ribbon with four battle stars. He truly embodied the highest qualities of military distinction.

After retiring from the Army, Colonel Poydasheff was called to serve his community in Georgia. He served on the Columbus, Georgia, City Council from 1994 to 2002, concurrently serving the soldiers at Fort Benning. He went on to be elected as the mayor of Columbus in 2002. In 2012, Colonel Poydasheff was honored by the Army War College Foundation as an outstanding alumnus.

H.R. 3475 has letters of support from The American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Disabled American Veterans.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD those letters of support.

THE AMERICAN LEGION,
DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA,
Stockbridge, GA, April 7, 2021.

Hon. MARK TAKANO,
Chairman,
Hon. MIKE BOST,
Ranking Member,
House Committee on Veterans Affairs,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN AND MR. RANKING MEMBER: This letter is to serve as written support from the American Legion, Department of Georgia for the legislation to be introduced which will name the new Veterans Administration Clinic in Columbus, Georgia as the "Robert S. Poydasheff Veterans Clinic."

It is befitting to bestow this honor on Robert Poydasheff, who passed away September 2020, and who served as City Council (1994–2002) and subsequently as Mayor of Columbus (2003–2007). Throughout his mayorship, he was a strong advocate for veterans in the Columbus community. He, too, was a veteran who served in the US Army 24 years before retiring as a Colonel. His military service began as an Infantry Officer with a combat tour in Vietnam. He later transferred to the Judge Advocate General Corps where he worked in various positions for the Secretary of the Army. Mayor Poydasheff embodied the Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, and selfless service to fellow veterans and to this country.

It is with honor that the American Legion, Department of Georgia, supports this effort to name the Columbus Veterans Clinic after Robert S. Poydasheff, a very distinguished member of the community.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or the Adjutant, Department of Georgia, Zeste C. Debro.

For God and Country . . .

Sincerely,

EDDIE ASBERRY, Jr.,
Commander, Department of Georgia.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS,
DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA,
Macon, GA, March 3, 2021.

MARK TAKANO,
Chairman, House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Washington, DC.

Hon. MIKE BOST,
House Committee on Veterans' Affairs,
Washington DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN TAKANO AND RANKING MEMBER BOST: Please accept this letter as a demonstration of the total support of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Georgia, in recognition of changing the name of the Veterans Administration Clinic in Columbus, Georgia to "The Robert S. Poydasheff Veterans Clinic."

Robert Poydasheff served in the United States Army for twenty-four years. He began his military service as an Infantry Officer, where he served one combat tour in Vietnam, before transferring to the Judge Advocate General Corps where he worked in a number of positions for the Secretary of the Army. After retiring from the Army at the rank of Colonel he served as a City Counselor from 1994 to 2002 and Mayor of Columbus Georgia from 2003 to 2007 all the while strongly advocating on behalf of Veterans in the Columbus community until his passing last September.

Colonel Poydasheff was the embodiment of Army values of loyalty, duty, respect and selfless service to his fellow Veterans and his Country. The Veterans of Foreign Wars of Georgia would like to honor his amazing legacy with our full support and encourage the committee to support legislation renaming

the Columbus Veterans Clinic after this distinguished member of our State.

Sincerely,

JOEL L. WILLIS, Jr.,
State Commander, VFW Department
of Georgia.

MARCH 30, 2021.

MARK TAKANO,
Chairman, House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Washington, DC.

Hon. MIKE BOST,
House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN TAKANO AND RANKING MEMBER BOST: Please accept this letter as demonstrating the total support of the Georgia Department of the Disabled American Veterans, in recognition of the ongoing initiative to rename the new Veterans' Administration Clinic in Columbus, Georgia to the Robert S. Poydasheff Veterans' Clinic, in memory of United States Army colonel (retired) and mayor of Columbus, Robert S. Poydasheff.

Mayor Poydasheff's model of selflessness in the areas of military service and civic responsibility should be a shining example for all Americans to follow.

Robert Poydasheff, who passed away last September, served as Mayor of Columbus from 2003 to 2007. He had previously been a City Counselor from 1994 to 2002. Throughout Mayor Poydasheff's career, he strongly advocated on behalf of veterans in the Columbus community because he was a veteran himself, having served in the United States Army for twenty-four years before retiring at the rank of colonel. He began his military service as an Infantry Officer, where he served one combat tour in Vietnam, before transferring to the Judge Advocate General Corps where he worked in several positions for the Secretary of the Army.

Mayor Poydasheff embodied the Army values of loyalty, duty, respect and selfless service to his fellow veterans and his country. We would like to honor his outstanding legacy. To that end, we offer our support, and encourage the committee to support legislation remaining the Columbus facility as the Robert S. Poydasheff Veterans Clinic.

Sincerely,

CAROLYN V. SMALL,
Commander, Disabled
American Veterans,
Department of Georgia.

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I enthusiastically support the naming of the Columbus, Georgia, VA Community Clinic in Robert S. Poydasheff's honor.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3475, a bill to name the VA community-based outpatient clinic, or the CBOC, in Columbus, Georgia, the Robert S. Poydasheff VA Clinic. I am grateful to Congressman SANFORD BISHOP from Georgia for introducing this bill.

Mr. Poydasheff was a soldier in the United States Army for 24 years. He served as an infantry officer in Vietnam and later as a judge advocate. He continued to serve his country and community after his time in the Army by pursuing a career in public service and elected office.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle

will join me in supporting this bill today in honor of him, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BISHOP), my good friend, the chairman of the Agriculture Subcommittee of the House Committee on Appropriations, and also a former member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chair, Chair TAKANO, for yielding time. I thank the ranking member, along with you and the entire Committee on Veterans' Affairs for all the work that you do in support of our Nation's veterans and, of course, this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleague, DREW FERGUSON, in offering this legislation to honor the former mayor of Columbus, Georgia, Colonel Robert Stephen "Bob" Poydasheff, Sr.

The naming of this VA clinic in Columbus for Bob Poydasheff honors a great champion of veterans, an exceptional soldier, a distinguished public servant, and a dear friend.

Mr. Speaker, this bill is endorsed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, The American Legion, and the Disabled American Veterans, and it is cosponsored by every single member of the Georgia congressional delegation.

Sadly, Bob passed away last year on September 24. He was a native of the Bronx, New York, and he was born with an innate determination to excel, which was apparent in virtually every single aspect of his life. He served honorably in the United States Army for 24 years, and he retired at the rank of colonel.

He began his distinguished military career as an infantry officer, serving one combat tour in Vietnam before transferring to the Judge Advocate General's Corps.

In recognition of his service to our country, he received the Vietnam Ribbon, the Legion of Merit, and the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters. He was also elected to the Ranger Hall of Fame, located at Fort Benning, Georgia.

□ 1715

Following his military service, Bob Poydasheff made Columbus, Georgia, his permanent home. Through his leadership, first as a member of the city council, then as mayor of the city, Columbus experienced extraordinary growth and prosperity.

He was a longtime advocate working on behalf of disadvantaged veterans, including supporting the location of the new VA clinic in Columbus, which this bill will name in his honor. Bob will be missed, but his legacy will live on through the lives of veterans who will be helped at this clinic.

It has been said that you make your living by what you get, you make your life by what you give. Robert S. "Bob" Poydasheff gave so much to so many for so long, and this clinic memorializes his legacy.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me and my colleague, from Georgia, DREW FERGUSON, the entire Georgia delegation, the VFW, the American Legion, the DAV, in supporting this bill to name the new community-based outpatient VA clinic in Columbus, Georgia, the Robert S. Poydasheff VA Clinic.

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this legislation, and I ask all of my colleagues to join me in that, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I am prepared to close.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in passing H.R. 3475, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. TAKANO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3475.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 17 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DEUTCH) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS EXPIRING AUTHORITIES ACT OF 2021

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5293) to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and modify certain authorities and requirements relating to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. TAKANO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 423, nays 0, not voting 8, as follows:

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Barr
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Bentz
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Bergman
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Bice (OK)
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Courtney
Craig
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Crenshaw
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Davis, Rodney
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Frankel, Lois
Franklin, C.
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Gaetz
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Garamendi
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Gonzales, Tony
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Vicente
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Phillips
Pingree
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Price (NC)
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Roybal-Allard
Ruiz
Ruppersberger

Allen
Gonzalez (OH)
Joyce (OH)

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Scalise
Scanlon
Schakowsky
Schiff
Schneider
Schrader
Schrier
Schweikert
Scott (VA)
Scott, Austin
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Smith (MO)
Smith (NE)
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Stevens
Stewart
Strickland
Suozzi
Swalwell
Takano
Taylor

NOT VOTING—8

Lesko
Loudermilk
Mullin
Palazzo
Roy

□ 1857

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Baird (Walorski)	Katko (Kim (CA))	Rice (NY) (Peters)
Cárdenas (Gomez)	Kirkpatrick (Stanton)	Rice (SC) (Wilson (SC))
Carter (TX) (Calvert)	Latta (Walberg)	Rush (Underwood)
Cooper (Clark (MA))	Lawson (FL) (Evans)	Ryan (Kildee)
DeSaulnier (Thompson (CA))	Manning (Clark (MA))	Smith (WA) (Kilmer)
DesJarlais (Fleischmann)	McEachin (Wexton)	Spartz (Walorski)
Frankel, Lois (Clark (MA))	Meng (Jeffries)	Stefanik (Meuser)
Fulcher (Johnson (OH))	Morelle (Tonko)	Strickland (Torres (NY))
Grijalva (García (IL))	Napolitano (Correa)	Waltz (Gimenez)
	Payne (Wasserman Schultz)	Wild (Scanlon)
		Wilson (FL) (Hayes)

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF SERVICEMEMBERS KILLED IN AFGHANISTAN ON AUGUST 26, 2021

The SPEAKER. The Chair asks all Members in the Chamber, as well as Members and staff throughout the Capitol, to rise for a moment of silence in remembrance of the following servicemembers who were killed during the