

I have known Dr. Moody for most of my life. In fact, prior to her work at Holy Angels, she was my principal at St. Michael's School in Gastonia, where she spent a lot of time with my two brothers in the principal's office.

Dr. Moody has been a visionary leader for Holy Angels. Under her leadership, the organization has greatly expanded its level of full-time resident care, as well as physical therapy, day, and vocational programs. They also opened several local businesses to serve the community and give their residents occupational experience.

I wish Dr. Moody and her family the very best as she begins a very well-deserved retirement.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

#### ANDREW K. BAKER DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CLINIC

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 2159) to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 400 College Drive, Middleburg, Florida, as the "Andrew K. Baker Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic", and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 2159

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

#### SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF ANDREW K. BAKER DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CLINIC.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 400 College Drive, Middleburg, Florida, shall after the date of the enactment of this Act be known and designated as the "Andrew K. Baker Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic" or the "A.K. Baker VA Clinic".

(b) REFERENCE.—Any reference in any law, regulation, map, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the community-based outpatient clinic referred to in subsection (a) shall be considered to be a reference to the Andrew K. Baker Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. TAKANO) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ELLZEY) 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 S. 2159.

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 honor the memory of U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Andrew Kenneth Baker, an esteemed antisubmarine warfare chief, a distinguished combat search and rescue swimmer, and a faithful servicemember who gave his life honoring his commitment to his country.

The bill before us, S. 2159, would appropriately name VA's community-based outreach clinic in Middleburg, Florida, the Andrew K. Baker VA Clinic.

Chief Petty Officer Baker represented self-sacrifice and courage in the name of public service.

Born in West Virginia in 1960, Chief Petty Officer Baker moved to Pensacola, Florida, in 1980 to begin what would be a remarkable 17-year stint in the U.S. Navy.

In Pensacola, CPO Baker graduated from the Search and Rescue Swimmer School before entering Fleet Replacement Aircrewman training at the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, where he earned his "Wings of Gold."

Upon graduation, CPO Baker served on the USS *Nimitz*, reporting to HS-9, a helicopter antisubmarine warfare squadron for the Navy. From there, he served on HS-3 as the Training and Operations Chief for another antisubmarine warfare squadron safeguarding American interests over and under the seas.

Tragically, on March 13, 1997, while serving aboard the USS *John F. Kennedy*, Chief Petty Officer Baker and three others perished when their H-60 "Sea Hawk" helicopter crashed at sea during a Navy SEAL training mission.

Though his life was tragically cut short, in his 17 years of service, CPO Baker managed to cement a legacy of leadership, dedication, and steadfastness which will reverberate for generations to come. Indeed, today, Chief Petty Officer Baker is survived by his wife, Tina, and their son, who, himself, has completed six tours in Iraq, carrying on his father's legacy as a decorated patriot.

During his lifetime of service, Chief Petty Officer Baker won various honors, including the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, and the American Defense Service Medal, among others.

Today, I hope we will come together to honor Chief Petty Officer Baker one more time by renaming the VA's community-based outreach clinic in Middleburg, Florida, the Andrew K. Baker VA Clinic.

As an institution dedicated to supporting those who served, it is fitting that this VA clinic bear the name of a Navy chief who placed service to others above all else. With this legislation, we will take an important step in commemorating one servicemember's cour-

age and bravery, as we continue to honor all those who have served our country.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD letters of support for S. 2159 from The American Legion, VFW, and Disabled American Veterans as well as the Florida delegation.

THE AMERICAN LEGION,  
OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,  
Orlando, FL, December 21, 2021.

Re Support for S. 2159, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs in Middleburg, Florida located in Clay County as the "Andrew K. Baker Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic".

Hon. MARCO RUBIO,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR RUBIO: On behalf of The American Legion, Department of Florida, Inc., we write to lend our support in naming the new Clay County Veterans Affairs Clinic after Chief Andrew K. Baker of Middleburg, Florida.

Chief Baker was an esteemed antisubmarine warfare chief and combat search and rescue swimmer of HS-3 in Jacksonville, Florida. After quickly rising through the ranks at Naval Aircrew Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida, Chief Baker earned his Wings of Gold for distinguished performance and served a tour on the U.S.S. *Nimitz*, being assigned as the Training and Operations Chief. In 1997, Chief Baker lost his life during a mission in North Carolina when his H-60 Seahawk helicopter crashed at sea during a SEAL training mission. His legacy currently lives on in his son who has completed six tours in the Middle East and has proven himself a dedicated hero.

We know that in naming the new Veterans Affairs clinic for Chief Baker, his heroic legacy will be enhanced in the Clay County community and will inspire future servicemen and women from across our great state.

Sincerely,

JERRY BRANDT,  
Department Commander.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS,  
Ocala, FL, September 30, 2021.

Hon. MARCO RUBIO,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR RUBIO: On behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Florida we write to lend our support in naming the new Clay County Veterans Affairs Clinic after Chief Andrew K. Baker of Middleburg, Florida.

Chief Baker was an esteemed antisubmarine warfare chief and combat search and rescue swimmer of HS-3 in Jacksonville, Florida. After quickly rising through the ranks at Naval Aircrew Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida, Chief Baker earned his Wings of Gold for distinguished performance and served a tour on the USS *Nimitz* being assigned as the Training and Operations Chief. In 1997, Chief lost his life during a mission in North Carolina when his H-60 Seahawk helicopter crashed at sea during a SEAL training mission. His legacy now lives on in his son who currently has six completed tours in the Middle East and has proven himself a dedicated hero.

We know that in naming a new VA clinic for Chief Baker, his heroic legacy will be enhanced in the Clay County community and will inspire future service men and women from across our great state.

Yours in Comradeship,  
DANETTE JEAN HERNANDEZ,  
State Commander.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS,  
DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA,  
Gainesville, FL, January 11, 2022.

Re Support for S. 2159 and H.R. 1960, to name the new Clay County Veterans Affairs Clinic in Middleburg, FL, the "Andrew K. Baker Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic."

The Disabled American Veterans, Department of Florida is writing this letter in support of legislation introduced by Senators MARCO RUBIO and RICK SCOTT. The propose legislation S. 2159 and H.R. 1960, would name the new Clay County Veterans Affairs Clinic in Middleburg, Florida after U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Andrew K. Baker, Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic, who was killed during a training mission.

An antisubmarine warfare chief, CPO Baker was a combat search and rescue swimmer attached to HS-3 homeported at NAS Jacksonville. Baker served on the USS *Carl Vinson* and USS *Coral Sea* as a ship's serviceman. Baker was killed when Trident 615, a H-60 Seahawk, crashed at sea on March 13, 1997, during a SEAL training event. CPO Baker served for seventeen years before his death.

We believe that naming the Clay County VA Clinic after Chief Petty Officer Andrew K. Baker will ensure the honor of duty he displayed for our grateful Nation. We respectfully request the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees quickly consider this important legislation.

Sincerely,

JOHN RABER,  
Department Commander.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
Washington, DC, January 11, 2022.

Hon. JON TESTER,  
Chairman, U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Washington, DC.

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

Hon. JERRY MORAN,  
Ranking Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Washington, DC.

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

DEAR CHAIRMEN TESTER AND TAKANO, RANKING MEMBERS MORAN AND BOST: As Members of the Florida Delegation, we write in support of S. 2159 and H.R. 1960, legislation that would name the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) clinic in Clay County, Florida after U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Andrew Kenneth Baker. Chief Baker served his country honorably for 17 years before tragically perishing while aboard Trident 615, an HH-60H "Sea Hawk" helicopter that crashed at sea on March 13, 1997.

Chief Baker served on the USS *Carl Vinson* and USS *Coral Sea* as a Ship's Serviceman. He is a graduate of Search and Rescue Swimmer School in Pensacola and Fleet Replacement Aircrewman training at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, where he earned his "Wings of Gold." Chief Baker then reported to HS-9, where he served on the USS *Nimitz*; and then at HS-3, where he was assigned as the Training and Operations Chief. His dedication to our nation reflects great honor on his family and our community. It is fitting that a VA clinic, an institution dedicated to supporting those who served, should be named after a faithful service member.

We respectfully request the Senate and House Committees on Veterans' Affairs quickly consider this important legislation. Please see the attached letters of support from the Florida Chapters of Several Veteran Service Organizations.

Sincerely,

MARCO RUBIO, U.S. Senator; RICK SCOTT, U.S. Senator; KAT CAMMACK, STEPHANIE

MURPHY, MATT GAETZ, LOIS FRANKEL, CARLOS GIMENEZ, GUS BILIRAKIS, MARIO DIAZ BALART, BILL POSEY, BRIAN MAST, W. GREGORY STEUBE, JOHN H. RUTHERFORD, MIKE WALTZ, VAL DEMINGS, NEAL P. DUNN, M.D., C. SCOTT FRANKLIN, MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR, CHARLIE CRIST, AL LAWSON, DANIEL WEBSTER, TED DEUTCH, FREDERICA S. WILSON, DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, BRYON DONALDS, KATHY CASTOR, VERN BUCHANAN, DARREN SOTO; Member of Congress.

Mr. TAKANO. I thank Representative CAMMACK and the Florida delegation for their work on this bill, and I urge all my colleagues to support it.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 2159, a bill to rename the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Middleburg, Florida, the Andrew K. Baker VA clinic.

Chief Petty Officer Baker was a respected naval aircrewman, antisubmarine warfare chief, and combat rescue swimmer. He served on the USS *Carl Vinson*, CVN-70, and USS *Coral Sea* as a ship's serviceman.

He was a graduate of Search and Rescue Swimmer School in Pensacola, and Fleet Replacement Aircrewman training at Naval Air Station Jax.

While assigned to Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron 3, or HS-3, he served as the training and operations chief. Tragically, he lost his life while on a training mission off the coast of North Carolina in 1997, along with three of his fellow crewmen, when their H-60 Sea Hawk crashed into the sea.

He dedicated 17 years of service to our Nation's Navy and was responsible for training numerous warfighters.

In the aftermath of this training accident, the Navy reviewed many of its training policies, and Chief Baker continues his legacy by potentially saving future aircrewmen lives. Naming this clinic after Chief Baker will serve as an inspiration and a tribute to his service.

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

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

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

Mr. ELLZEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. CAMMACK).

Mrs. CAMMACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in overwhelming support for the passage of S. 2159, or H.R. 1960, a bill designating the Florida Veterans Affairs Clinic in Middleburg, Florida, the Andrew K. Baker Department of Veterans Affairs.

First, I thank the entire Florida delegation for their support of this legislation, the entire Clay County community, the local elected officials who participated in this process, and all of the many veterans who call Clay County home.

Of course, my biggest thanks go to Ms. Tina Baker, the widow of Chief Andrew K. Baker.

Without a doubt, today's legislation would not be here for a vote without my colleague from Florida, Senator MARCO RUBIO, who ushered this legislation through the Senate Chamber earlier this year. I thank Senator RUBIO for his work on this bill.

This bill honors Antisubmarine Warfare Chief Andrew Kenneth Baker of Middleburg, Florida. Tragically, he lost his life in service to our great Nation. On March 13, 1997, Chief Baker's H-60 Seahawk crashed at sea during a SEAL training exercise. The mix of rough seas, the pitch of a frigate, fatigue, and visual disorientation caused by the night vision goggles they were all wearing were all factors in the accident.

As a result of his death, the Navy launched a formal review of its training policies and has since made drastic changes with regard to night vision training.

His widow, Tina, not wanting her husband's death to be in vain, has worked hard to make sure his memory and service didn't get lost in time and paperwork. Today, we have the chance to make sure that her husband is remembered forever.

Chief Baker served on the USS *Carl Vinson* and the USS *Coral Sea* as the ship's serviceman and completed training in Search and Rescue Swimmer School at Pensacola, and Fleet Replacement Aircrewman training at NAS Jax, where he earned his "Wings of Gold."

Chief Baker then reported to HS-9, serving on the USS *Nimitz*, then on HS-3, where he was assigned as the Training and Operations Chief.

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At home in Middleburg, Chief Baker was an avid fisherman, always scouring the waters of Black Creek and the St. John's River as much as he could. He coached his son's Little League and served as the troop leader for the local Cub Scouts. He was a devoted husband to his wife, Tina, and sons, Andrew and Jacob.

As a personal point of privilege, I say that this clinic has been a large part of my professional life for the past decade. Back in 2015, as the deputy chief of staff serving this district, our team worked hard to secure the appropriations funding for this clinic. Once we succeeded in getting this project funded, finding the building that met the required specs was an entirely new and frustrating battle. After multiple failed attempts to secure a building, we finally succeeded.

This clinic has been a blessing to my beloved Clay County and to the veterans who call her home. With today's legislation as the final task outstanding, I can say with confidence to Chief Baker's widow, Tina: Now, he will always be remembered.

Mr. Speaker, I urge unanimous passage of this legislation and look forward to it being signed into law to honor this incredible servicemember and his family.

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

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the gentlewoman on this accomplishment, and I congratulate her also on her hard work in securing funding for the community-based outreach clinic.

I know how much of a difference they make, and I take this moment to call attention to the fact that the bipartisan achievement of funding so many community-based outreach clinics in the Honoring our PACT Act was transformational for this country, transformational for America's veterans.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me in passing S. 2159, 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, S. 2159.

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.

#### CORPORAL JERRY K. CRUMP VA CLINIC

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5481) to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Forest City, North Carolina, as the "Corporal Jerry K. Crump VA Clinic", as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5481

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

#### SECTION 1. NAME OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMUNITY-BASED OUTPATIENT CLINIC, FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA.

The Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Forest City, North Carolina, shall after the date of the enactment of this Act be known and designated as the "Master Sergeant Jerry K. Crump 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 Master Sergeant Jerry K. Crump VA Clinic.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. TAKANO) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ELLZEY) 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 include extraneous material on H.R. 5481, as amended.

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 honor the life of Master Sergeant J.K. Crump, a native of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, and a Korean war veteran who embodied the courage and indomitable fighting spirit of our Nation's Armed Forces.

This bill, H.R. 5481, as amended, will name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Forest City, North Carolina, the Master Sergeant Jerry K. Crump VA Clinic.

I thank my colleague, Representative VIRGINIA FOXX, for introducing this bill.

In early September 1951, Master Sergeant Crump, then an 18-year-old Army rifleman, and fellow members of Company L of the 3rd Infantry Division were attacked by invading Chinese forces near Chorwon, Korea. In the fire-fight that ensued, Master Sergeant Crump left cover twice: first, to retrieve a wounded comrade, and then again to recapture a machine gun from advancing Chinese soldiers.

After returning to his position, an enemy grenade was flung into the fox-hole that Master Sergeant Crump shared with four wounded infantrymen. With no regard for his own well-being, Master Sergeant Crump covered the explosives with his own body. The grenade detonated, but miraculously, Master Sergeant Crump survived.

The heroism that Master Sergeant Crump displayed that day more than 70 years ago undoubtedly saved the lives of fellow soldiers and rightfully earned him the Medal of Honor, our highest military decoration for valor, which President Truman awarded him in 1952.

Master Sergeant Crump went on to serve another 26 years in the U.S. Army before retiring in 1976. He died a year later and was interred at the Mount Zion Community Cemetery in Cornelius, North Carolina.

Master Sergeant Crump's actions in combat were emblematic of the selfless sacrifice and devotion to duty that so many who don the uniform of our great Nation display. He, and the generation of those who served alongside him, truly represented the best ideals of our country.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD letters of support for H.R. 5481, as amended, from The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Disabled American Veterans.

THE AMERICAN LEGION,  
DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA,  
*Raleigh, NC, March 16, 2022.*

DEAR CONGRESSWOMAN FOXX, It is with a great deal of pride that I endorse the naming of the Veterans Affairs (VA) outpatient clinic in Forest City, North Carolina, after the Medal of Honor recipient and North Carolina native, Jerry Crump.

I am personally familiar with the facility in Forest City. I receive my medical atten-

tion at that clinic. The Forest City VA clinic is a wonderful facility, and the staff is outstanding.

I have met with the American Legion members in Forest City and in Henrietta, NC who have advocated for the renaming to the Jerry Crump VA Medical Clinic. There are a few older American Legion members that remember attending school with Jerry. The communities of Forest City and Henrietta are proud of the native son and have often advocated for this honor. The American Legion Department of North Carolina does whole heartily support the renaming of the Forest City VA clinic after Medal of Honor Recipient Jerry Crump.

The honor of naming a Forest City VA Clinic after this courageous American would be a fitting tribute to Corporal Crump.

Respectfully,

JIM QUINLAN,  
*The American Legion,  
Department of North Carolina.*

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS,  
*Raleigh, NC, March 10, 2022.*

Rep. VIRGINIA FOXX,  
*Washington, DC.*

Re Endorsement of naming the VA Outpatient Clinic in Forest City, NC after MOH Recipient Jerry Crump.

DEAR REP FOXX: As the State Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of America, Department of North Carolina, I am writing you to express full support of the naming of the VA Outpatient Clinic in Forest City, NC, after Medal of Honor recipient and North Carolina native, Jerry Crump. Mr. Crump embodied the spirit of patriotism, valor, fidelity and selfless service needed to save the Soldiers of his Platoon from death or serious injury when they came under attack on September 6-7, 1951 during the Korean War. Mr. Crump heroically flung himself on a grenade from an enemy Soldier and shielded his comrades from the blast. Naming this VA Outpatient Clinic in his name would be a great honor to this distinguished Soldier

RUSSELL CHAMBERS,  
*State Commander,  
Department of North Carolina.*

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS,  
DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA,  
*Raleigh, NC, March 8, 2022.*

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

Hon. MIKE BOST,  
*Ranking Member, House Committee on Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC.*

CHAIRMAN MARK TAKANO AND RANKING MEMBER MIKE BOST: On behalf of Disabled American Veterans, Department of North Carolina, we are honored to extend our support to the efforts of Congresswoman Virginia Foxx to designate the Veterans Affairs (VA) outpatient clinic in Forest City, North Carolina, after Medal of Honor recipient and North Carolina native, Cpl. Jerry Crump.

During the Korean War, on September 7, 1951, Cpl. Crump embodied outstanding courage above and beyond the call of duty to save his brothers in arms. His selflessness and gallantry inspired his comrades to aggressively counterattack and drive enemy forces from their perimeter. In memorializing his name may everyone who enters this facility remember that all gave some and some gave all.

Sincerely,  
VERTIS R. RICHARDSON, III,  
*Department Commander.*  
JANICE WEATHERS,  
*Department Adjutant.*

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 5481, as