

113<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4199

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 18, 2014

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## AN ACT

To name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Waco, Texas, as the “Doris Miller 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress makes the following findings:

3 (1) On October 12, 1919, Doris Miller was born  
4 in Waco, Texas.

5 (2) On September 16, 1939, Miller enlisted in  
6 the United States Navy as mess attendant, third  
7 class at Naval Recruiting Station, Dallas, Texas, to  
8 serve for a period of six years.

9 (3) On February 16, 1941, Miller received a  
10 change of rating to mess attendant, second class.

11 (4) On June 1, 1942, Miller received a change  
12 of rating to mess attendant, first class.

13 (5) On June 1, 1943, Miller received a change  
14 of rating, to cook, third class.

15 (6) On November 25, 1944, Miller was pre-  
16 sumed dead by the Secretary of the Navy a year and  
17 a day after being carried as missing in action since  
18 November 24, 1943, while serving aboard USS  
19 Liscome Bay when that vessel was torpedoed and  
20 sunk in the Pacific Ocean.

21 (7) Miller was awarded the Navy Cross Medal,  
22 Purple Heart Medal, American Defense Service  
23 Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and World  
24 War II Victory Medal.

25 (8) Miller's citation for the Navy Cross said  
26 "for distinguished devotion to duty, extraordinary

1 courage and disregard for his own personal safety  
2 during the attack on the Fleet in Pearl Harbor, Ter-  
3 ritory of Hawaii, by Japanese forces on December 7,  
4 1941. While at the side of his Captain on the bridge,  
5 Miller, despite enemy strafing and bombing and in  
6 the face of a serious fire, assisted in moving his  
7 Captain, who had been mortally wounded, to a place  
8 of greater safety, and later manned and operated a  
9 machine gun directed at enemy Japanese attacking  
10 aircraft until ordered to leave the bridge.”.

11 (9) On June 20, 1973, the USS Miller (FF-  
12 1091), a Knox-class frigate, was named in honor of  
13 Doris Miller.

14 **SEC. 2. NAME OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
15 **MEDICAL CENTER, WACO, TEXAS.**

16 The Department of Veterans Affairs medical center  
17 in Waco, Texas, shall after the date of the enactment of  
18 this Act be known and designated as the “Doris Miller  
19 Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”. Any ref-  
20 erence to such medical center in any law, regulation, map,  
21 document, record, or other paper of the United States

- 1 shall be considered to be a reference to the Doris Miller
- 2 Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Passed the House of Representatives June 17, 2014.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

*Clerk.*