

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2771

To designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in San Angelo, Texas, as the “Colonel Charles and JoAnne Powell Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

Mr. CORNYN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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) Colonel Charles Powell and his wife, Mrs.
6 JoAnne Powell, served the community of San An-
7 gelo, Texas, with character and dignity.

1 (2) Colonel Powell served as the base com-
2 mander of Goodfellow Air Force Base from 1980 to
3 1984.

4 (3) When the Powells moved to San Angelo,
5 Charles was ordered to help Goodfellow avoid closure
6 and the displacement of many members of the
7 Armed Forces from the community they had grown
8 to love.

9 (4) The impact of Charles' career can still be
10 felt today at Goodfellow Air Force Base, as it serves
11 as a training school for thousands of members from
12 every Armed Force to train in cryptology, intel-
13 ligence, and firefighting.

14 (5) JoAnne assisted thousands of constituents
15 in the district offices of Representatives Tom Loef-
16 fler, Lamar Smith, K. Michael Conaway, and Au-
17 gust Pfluger.

18 (6) One of the several duties JoAnne spear-
19 headed was the annual process of nominations to the
20 military service academies, which was always a year-
21 round process for her.

22 (7) With JoAnne's assistance, many of the
23 young men and women of the 11th congressional
24 district of Texas went on to serve the United States
25 and attend one of the military service academies.

1 (8) In addition, JoAnne was a fierce advocate
 2 of veterans and helped thousands of individuals gain
 3 access to the veterans benefits they rightfully
 4 earned.

5 (9) JoAnne’s compassion and dedication helped
 6 make the Concho Valley a better place.

7 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF COMMUNITY-BASED OUTPATIENT**
 8 **CLINIC OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
 9 **FAIRS IN SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.**

10 (a) DESIGNATION.—The community-based outpatient
 11 clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in San An-
 12 gelo, Texas, shall after the date of the enactment of this
 13 Act be known and designated as the “Colonel Charles and
 14 JoAnne Powell Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic” or
 15 the “Colonel Charles and JoAnne Powell VA Clinic”.

16 (b) REFERENCE.—Any reference in any law, regula-
 17 tion, map, document, paper, or other record of the United
 18 States to the community-based outpatient clinic referred
 19 to in subsection (a) shall be considered to be a reference
 20 to the Colonel Charles and JoAnne Powell Department of
 21 Veterans Affairs Clinic.

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