



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"

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 1808 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Jack Kingston (R-GA) on March 29, 2007. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs but was never considered.

H.R. 1808 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House of Representatives on October 23, 2007.

SUMMARY

H.R. 1808 designates the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center located at 1 Freedom Way in Augusta, Georgia, as the "Charlie Norwood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

BACKGROUND

Charlie Norwood volunteered for service in the United States Army Dental Corps in a time of war. He provided dental and medical services in the Republic of Vietnam in 1968, earning the Combat Medical Badge and two awards of the Bronze Star. He provided dental, emergency medical, and surgical care for United States personnel, Vietnamese civilians, and prisoners-of-war.

Captain Norwood, under combat conditions, helped develop the Dental Corps operating procedures which are now standard. These procedures delivered dentists to forward-fire bases, and provided dental treatment for military service dogs.

Charlie Norwood was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1995. As a Congressman he co-authored and helped pass the "Keep our Promises to America's Military Retirees Act", which restored lifetime healthcare benefits to veterans who are military retirees through the creation of the Department of Defense TRICARE for Life Program.

Congressman Norwood supported and helped pass the "Retired Pay Restoration Act". This Act provided relief from the concurrent receipt rule penalizing disabled veterans who were also military retirees.

Congressman Norwood passed away at the age of 65 from lung cancer.

COST

At the time of publication the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) had not yet scored this legislation.

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