

117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 4359

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## AN ACT

To designate the regional office of the Department of Veterans Affairs in metropolitan Atlanta as the “Senator Johnny Isakson Department of Veterans Affairs Atlanta Regional Office”, and for other purposes.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Senator Johnny Isak-  
3 son VA Regional Office Act of 2022”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5       Congress finds the following:

6           (1) John Hardy Isakson, known as “Johnny”,  
7       was born December 28, 1944, in Atlanta, Georgia,  
8       to Julia Isakson and Edwin Andrew Isakson.

9           (2) Johnny Isakson graduated from the Univer-  
10      sity of Georgia in 1966 with a Bachelor’s Degree in  
11      Business Administration.

12          (3) In 1966, Johnny Isakson enlisted in the  
13      Georgia Air National Guard, serving until 1972 and  
14      attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant.

15          (4) Johnny Isakson gained success in private  
16      business, serving for 22 years as a real estate execu-  
17      tive and growing his business into one of the largest  
18      of its kind in both Georgia and in the United States.

19          (5) Johnny Isakson was elected to the Georgia  
20      General Assembly in 1976, serving in the State  
21      House of Representatives until 1990.

22          (6) Johnny Isakson was elected to the Georgia  
23      State Senate in 1992, serving until 1996.

24          (7) In 1996, Governor Zell Miller appointed  
25      Johnny Isakson to be Chairman of the Georgia  
26      State Board of Education.

1           (8) Johnny Isakson was elected to represent the  
2           6th District of Georgia in the United States House  
3           of Representatives in 1999, and served until 2005.

4           (9) During his time in the House of Represent-  
5           atives, Johnny Isakson, as a member of the Com-  
6           mittee on Education and Labor of the House of  
7           Representatives, worked to improve American edu-  
8           cation, and was a key advocate for the bipartisan  
9           education reforms that became the No Child Left  
10          Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107–110).

11          (10) Johnny Isakson was elected to the United  
12          States Senate in 2004, serving until December 31,  
13          2019.

14          (11) During his time in the Senate, Johnny  
15          Isakson was an exemplar of courtesy, dignity, and  
16          kindness, beloved and respected by colleagues re-  
17          gardless of party.

18          (12) Johnny Isakson, during the 111th Con-  
19          gress, demonstrated a bipartisan yearning for peace,  
20          and crossed party lines to support the ratification of  
21          the 2010 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty between  
22          the United States and the Russian Federation, also  
23          known as New START.

24          (13) During the 114th, 115th, and 116th Con-  
25          gresses, Johnny Isakson served as Chairman of the

1 Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate, a po-  
 2 sition with which he tirelessly championed reform to  
 3 improve the benefits and quality of service for our  
 4 nation's military veterans.

5 (14) During the 114th, 115th, and 116th Con-  
 6 gresses, Johnny Isakson served as Chairman of the  
 7 Select Committee on Ethics of the Senate.

8 (15) The late Congressman John Lewis once  
 9 described Johnny Isakson as "A man who has  
 10 strong belief but also willing to work with others to  
 11 get things done."

12 (16) On December 19, 2021, Johnny Isakson  
 13 passed away, but his legacy of character and good-  
 14 will will endure as an example to all who serve, or  
 15 will serve, in the United States Senate.

16 **SEC. 3. SENATOR JOHNNY ISAKSON DEPARTMENT OF VET-**  
 17 **ERANS AFFAIRS ATLANTA REGIONAL OFFICE.**

18 (a) DESIGNATION.—The Department of Veterans Af-  
 19 fairs Atlanta Regional Office in Georgia shall, after the  
 20 date of the enactment of this Act, be known and des-  
 21 ignated as the "Senator Johnny Isakson Department of  
 22 Veterans Affairs Atlanta Regional Office" or the "Isakson  
 23 VA Atlanta Regional Office".

24 (b) REFERENCE.—Any reference in a law, regulation,  
 25 map, document, paper, or other record of the United

- 1 States to the Regional Office referred to in subsection (a)
- 2 shall be deemed to be a reference to the Senator Johnny
- 3 Isakson Department of Veterans Affairs Atlanta Regional
- 4 Office.

Passed the Senate July 27, 2022.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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