

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8656

To designate the clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Mishawaka, Indiana, as the “Jackie Walorski VA Clinic”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 5, 2022

Mr. BANKS (for himself, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. CARSON, Mr. PENCE, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH, Mr. MRVAN, Mrs. SPARTZ, Mr. MCCARTHY, Mr. SCALISE, Ms. STEFANIK, Mrs. WAGNER, and Mr. MCCAUL) introduced the following bill; which was 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) Jackie Walorski was born August 17, 1963,
6 in South Bend, Indiana.

7 (2) Jackie Walorski grew up in South Bend
8 raised by her parents, Martha, who worked at a local

1 grocery store, and Raymond, an Air Force veteran
2 and firefighter who owned an appliance store.

3 (3) Jackie Walorski graduated from James
4 Whitcomb Riley High School in 1981 and is an
5 alumna of Taylor University.

6 (4) Upon her graduation, Jackie Walorski
7 worked as a reporter for a television station in
8 South Bend and later worked for local chapters of
9 the Humane Society and Chamber of Commerce as
10 well as served as a development officer for area uni-
11 versities.

12 (5) In 2000, she and her husband Dean
13 Swihart moved to Romania and founded Impact
14 International, a nonprofit foundation that provided
15 medical supplies and attention to impoverished chil-
16 dren while they served as missionaries there for four
17 years.

18 (6) In 2004, she was elected to the Indiana
19 House of Representatives and subsequently reelected
20 to that office every two years where she served three
21 full terms in office.

22 (7) In 2012, she was elected to the United
23 States House of Representatives and subsequently
24 reelected to that office until her death in a tragic car
25 accident in 2022.

1 (8) During her service in the United States
2 House of Representatives, she was a passionate ad-
3 vocate for all her constituents, but especially vet-
4 erans in the area.

5 (9) During her service in the United States
6 House of Representatives, she served on the Com-
7 mittee on Veterans' Affairs for two terms, during
8 that time authoring the Veterans Mobility Safety
9 Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–256).

10 (10) In 2017, through her persistent advocacy
11 for area veterans, the Department of Veterans Af-
12 fairs completed construction of a medical clinic in
13 St. Joseph County, Indiana, to meet the needs of
14 Michiana area veterans.

15 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF JACKIE WALORSKI DEPARTMENT**
16 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CLINIC.**

17 (a) DESIGNATION.—The clinic of the Department of
18 Veterans Affairs located in Mishawaka, Indiana, shall
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act be known and
20 designated as the “Jackie Walorski VA Clinic”.

21 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any law, regula-
22 tion, map, document, paper, or other record of the United
23 States to the clinic referred to in subsection (a) shall be

1 considered to be a reference to the “Jackie Walorski VA
2 Clinic”.

