

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Louisiana congressional delegation and the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to rename the United States Department of Veterans Affairs' Lafayette Community Based Outpatient Clinic in honor of Rodney C. Hamilton Sr.

WHEREAS, Rodney Carroll Hamilton Sr. was born in Fort Worth, Texas, on March 24, 1932, and his family moved to Lafayette, Louisiana, in the summer of 1948; and

WHEREAS, God, family, country, and community were his strong interests; and

WHEREAS, in 1949, he joined the Marine Reserve at age seventeen while attending Lafayette High School at the urging of his football coach, Lou Campbell; and

WHEREAS, Rodney served our country during the Korean War, was wounded in combat in September 1951, and was awarded the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, he loved the United States Marine Corps and was proud of all Marines who served their country; and

WHEREAS, his military involvement included being a member of the Marine Corps League, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Veteran's Action Coalition of Southwest Louisiana where he served as Founder and Chairman Emeritus; and

WHEREAS, he served as a full-time elected official in the Lafayette city government from 1968 through 1972 as a Trustee of Public Property; and

WHEREAS, Rodney made numerous contributions to help make Lafayette a better place including leading efforts to secure and build the United States Department of Veterans Affairs' Lafayette Community Based Outpatient Clinic, which opened in 2016; and

WHEREAS, due to Rodney's dedication in realizing the veterans clinic in Lafayette, the street there was named in his honor and now bears signs saying, "Veterans Way, Honorary Rodney Hamilton"; and

WHEREAS, Rodney Carroll Hamilton Sr. passed away at the age of eighty-eight on November 30, 2020.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby memorializes the Louisiana congressional delegation and the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to rename the United States Department of Veterans Affairs' Lafayette Community Based Outpatient Clinic in honor of Rodney C. Hamilton Sr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate, the clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES