

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8656

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

Received

AN ACT

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

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. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Jackie Walorski was born August 17, 1963,
4 in South Bend, Indiana.

5 (2) Jackie Walorski grew up in South Bend
6 raised by her parents, Martha, who worked at a local
7 grocery store, and Raymond, an Air Force veteran
8 and firefighter who owned an appliance store.

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

12 (4) Upon her graduation, Jackie Walorski
13 worked as a reporter for a television station in
14 South Bend and later worked for local chapters of
15 the Humane Society and Chamber of Commerce as
16 well as served as a development officer for area uni-
17 versities.

18 (5) In 2000, she and her husband Dean
19 Swihart moved to Romania and founded Impact
20 International, a nonprofit foundation that provided
21 medical supplies and attention to impoverished chil-
22 dren while they served as missionaries there for four
23 years.

24 (6) In 2004, she was elected to the Indiana
25 House of Representatives and subsequently reelected

1 to that office every two years where she served three
2 full terms in office.

3 (7) In 2012, she was elected to the United
4 States House of Representatives and subsequently
5 reelected to that office until her death in a tragic car
6 accident in 2022.

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

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

16 (10) In 2017, through her persistent advocacy
17 for area veterans, the Department of Veterans Af-
18 fairs completed construction of a medical clinic in
19 St. Joseph County, Indiana, to meet the needs of
20 Michiana area veterans.

21 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF JACKIE WALORSKI DEPARTMENT**
22 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CLINIC.**

23 (a) DESIGNATION.—The clinic of the Department of
24 Veterans Affairs located in Mishawaka, Indiana, shall

1 after the date of the enactment of this Act be known and
2 designated as the “Jackie Walorski VA Clinic”.

3 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any law, regula-
4 tion, map, document, paper, or other record of the United
5 States to the clinic referred to in subsection (a) shall be
6 considered to be a reference to the “Jackie Walorski VA
7 Clinic”.

Passed the House of Representatives August 12,
2022.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.