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Congress moves forward on Woody Williams bill

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. House of Representatives has passed H.R. 3663, which would rename the Huntington VA Medical Center in honor of Hershel “Woody” Williams.

Williams is recognized as the last living Medal of Honor recipient from the World War II Battle of Iwo Jima, and has dedicated his life to serving our nation’s veterans.

U.S. Rep. David B. McKinley, R-W.Va., spoke on the House floor during debate on the bill, urging its passage.

“Woody Williams is a true American hero, and is well known for his work on behalf of America’s veterans. Whether it was his 33 years as a counselor with the Department of Veterans Affairs, starting his foundation to honor Gold Star families, or his frequent travels to Washington to honor our fallen soldiers at Arlington Cemetery, Woody has dedicated his life to serving veterans and their families,” McKinley said.

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