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## House passes Hershel Woody Williams VA bill

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WASHINGTON (WTAP) - The U.S. House of Representatives voted unanimously Monday afternoon to pass Rep. Evan Jenkins' legislation to rename the Huntington VA Medical Center for World War II Medal of Honor recipient Hershel 'Woody' Williams.

On Monday, the U.S. House of Representatives will vote to pass legislation to rename a West Virginia Veterans Affairs medical center after a World War II Medal of Honor recipient from West Virginia.

U.S. Representative Evan Jenkins (R -West Virginia) introduced legislation that would name the Huntington VA Medical Center after Woody Williams.

He's the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient from the Battle of Iwo Jima. After completing his military service, he worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs for more than 30 years.

"He is an outspoken advocate for our veterans and truly committed to ensuring they receive the recognition, services, benefits, and healthcare they need and have earned," Rep. Jenkins said.

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D - West Virginia) agrees.

“The most deserving person I know of in America and definitely the most deserving in West Virginia and everyone is in agreement. He is the last surviving member of the Battle of Iwo Jima where he won the Congressional Medal of Honor and he's the last surviving Medal of Honor winner in our state so he's a person who's dedicated his life to the veterans,” Senator Manchin said.

Williams founded the Hershel Woody Williams Medal of Honor Foundation to recognize the sacrifices of the country's Gold Star Families.

The full name of the hospital would be the Hershel Woody Williams VA Medical Center.

Williams participated in the coin toss at Super Bowl 52 last February.

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