

## FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT HOSPITAL

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Mr. GEORGE, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany S. J. Res. 78]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. J. Res. 78) to provide for designation of the Veterans' Administration hospital at Crugers Park, Peekskill, N. Y., as "Franklin Delano Roosevelt Hospital," having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the joint resolution do pass.

The joint resolution provides for naming the proposed new Veterans' Administration hospital at Crugers Park, Peekskill, N. Y., the "Franklin Delano Roosevelt Hospital." This will be a most appropriate memorial to our late President, who had a continuous and deep interest in the program for Veterans' Administration hospitals.

The letter from the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs recommending this legislation is attached hereto.

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION,  
Washington, D. C., June 8, 1945.

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE,  
The Capitol, Washington, D. C.

SIR: There are forwarded herewith two copies of a draft of a proposed joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution to provide for designation of the Veterans' Administration Hospital at Crugers Park, Peekskill, N. Y., as "Franklin Delano Roosevelt Hospital" with the request that same be introduced and referred to the appropriate committee for consideration.

The President has recently approved a project authorizing the Veterans' Administration to acquire a tract of land containing approximately 383 acres as a site for the proposed new Veterans' Administration neuropsychiatric hospital to serve the metropolitan area of New York City. This particular hospital will be initially designed for 1,492 beds and will be located upon a site known as Crugers Park property at Peekskill, N. Y. Its location is approximately 35 miles south of Hyde Park on U. S. Highway No. 9. The site is one that has been occupied since the earliest days of our country. At the present time there are located thereon a modern bathhouse, a stone shelter house, and the Boscobel Mansion, which was built in 1795.

During his lifetime the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt took a continuous and deep interest in the program of the Veterans' Administration hospitals. It is recalled that on the occasion of the dedication of the hospital at Roanoke, Va., President Roosevelt said: "\* \* \* let this great monument—the veterans' hospital and the other institutions of their kind throughout the country—serve as a symbolic and bold denial of any careless statement that the United States does not take care of those who have served it in war—" and it would appear that a most appropriate memorial to President Roosevelt would be the naming of this new hospital in the general area of his home at Hyde Park the "Franklin Delano Roosevelt Hospital."

With the exception of the Edward Hines Junior Hospital at Hines, Ill., near Chicago, all Veterans' Administration hospitals, some 94 in number, are called Veterans' Administration facilities and it is considered that legislation is required for the naming of a hospital for any particular individual.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Advice has been received from the Bureau of the Budget that there would be no objection by that office to the presentation of this report to the Congress for its consideration.

Respectfully,

FRANK T. HINES, *Administrator.*

