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H. R. 9804

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

Ms. BROWNLEY (for herself, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, and Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Loved Ones Interment
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HEADSTONES**
2 **AND MARKERS FOR CERTAIN CREMATED**
3 **VETERANS INTERRED WITH OTHER ELIGIBLE**
4 **INDIVIDUALS.**

5 Section 2306(h)(2) of title 38, United States Code,
6 is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and
8 (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively;

9 (2) by striking “If the Secretary” and inserting
10 “(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), if the
11 Secretary”; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
13 paragraph (B):

14 “(B) In the case of a deceased individual referred to
15 in subsection (a) who is cremated and for whom an urn
16 or commemorative plaque is furnished under paragraph
17 (1), the Secretary may also furnish a headstone or marker
18 for the individual if—

19 “(i) the individual is interred at the same burial
20 site as another individual referred to in section
21 2402(a) of this title;

22 “(ii) the headstone or marker furnished in-
23 cludes information about both such individuals; and

1 “(iii) the inclusion of such information does not
2 increase the cost of the headstone or marker beyond
3 the maximum amount permitted under law.”.

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