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**S. 1318**

**[Report No. 119–89]**

To direct the American Battle Monuments Commission to establish a program to identify American-Jewish servicemembers buried in United States military cemeteries overseas under markers that incorrectly represent their religion and heritage, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 7, 2025

Mr. MORAN (for himself, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. BANKS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MCCORMICK, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. OSSOFF, and Mr. HUSTED) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

OCTOBER 22 (legislative day, OCTOBER 21), 2025

Reported by Mr. MORAN, without amendment

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**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 “Fallen Servicemembers  
5       Religious Heritage Restoration Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress finds the following:

8               (1)   An    estimated    900    American-Jewish  
9       servicemembers of the Armed Forces killed in World  
10      War I and World War II and buried overseas in  
11      United States military cemeteries were, for various  
12      reasons, mistakenly buried under Latin Crosses. In  
13      most instances, those mistakes were made inadvert-  
14      ently.

15              (2)   In 2022, more than 2,000,000 people vis-  
16      ited the United States World War I and World War  
17      II cemeteries in foreign countries.

18              (3)   American-Jewish servicemembers played a  
19      vital role in the Allied victories in World War I and  
20      World War II.

21              (4)   American-Jewish   servicemembers   who  
22      fought and died for the United States must have  
23      their heritage properly recognized and honored.

24              (5)   The United States Government has a sol-  
25      emn responsibility to ensure that every American

1       servicemember killed in action and buried overseas is  
2       properly honored.

3           (6) The work of properly identifying American-  
4       Jewish servicemembers buried overseas is vital and  
5       integral to the responsibility of the American Battle  
6       Monuments Commission to ensure that past mis-  
7       takes in honoring those servicemembers who died in  
8       the line of duty are corrected.

9       **SEC. 3. FALLEN SERVICEMEMBERS RELIGIOUS HERITAGE**  
10           **RESTORATION PROGRAM.**

11       (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The American Battle Monu-  
12       ments Commission shall establish a program to identify  
13       covered members and to contact survivors and descend-  
14       ants of such covered members. Such program shall be  
15       known as the “Fallen Servicemembers Religious Heritage  
16       Restoration Program”.

17       (b) DURATION.—The Commission shall carry out the  
18       Fallen Servicemembers Religious Heritage Restoration  
19       Program during the first 10 fiscal years that begin after  
20       the date of the enactment of this Act.

21       (c) CONTRACTS.—

22           (1) AUTHORITY.—During each fiscal year de-  
23       scribed in subsection (b), the Commission shall seek  
24       to enter into a contract with a nonprofit organiza-

1       tion under which such nonprofit organization shall  
2       carry out the purpose described in subsection (a).

3           (2) TERM; AMOUNT.—Each contract under this  
4       subsection shall be for one year and in the amount  
5       of \$500,000 to the nonprofit organization.

6           (3) PRIORITY.—In awarding a contract under  
7       this subsection, the Commission shall give priority to  
8       a nonprofit organization that has demonstrated ca-  
9       pability and expertise in carrying out the purpose  
10      described in subsection (a).

11      (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry  
12     out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated to  
13     the Commission \$500,000 for each fiscal year described  
14     in subsection (b).

15      (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16           (1) The term “covered member” means a de-  
17       ceased member of the Armed Forces who was Jew-  
18       ish and buried—

19           (A) in a United States military cemetery  
20       located outside the United States; and

21           (B) under a marker that indicates such  
22       member was not Jewish.

23           (2) The term “nonprofit organization” means  
24       an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the

- 1 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from
- 2 taxation under section 501(a) of such Code.

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