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S. 2429

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Atlanta, Georgia, metropolitan area.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 1 (legislative day, AUGUST 31), 1998

Mr. CLELAND (for himself and Mr. COVERDELL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. ESTABLISHMENT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
5 shall establish, in accordance with chapter 24 of title 38,
6 United States Code, a national cemetery in the Atlanta,
7 Georgia, metropolitan area to serve the needs of veterans
8 and their families.

1 (b) CONSULTATION IN SELECTION OF SITE.—Before
2 selecting the site for the national cemetery established
3 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with—

4 (1) appropriate officials of the State of Georgia
5 and local officials of the Atlanta, Georgia, metropoli-
6 tan area, and

7 (2) appropriate officials of the United States,
8 including the Administrator of General Services,
9 with respect to land belonging to the United States
10 in that area that would be suitable to establish the
11 national cemetery under subsection (a).

12 (c) REPORT.—As soon as practicable after the date
13 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
14 to Congress a report on the establishment of the national
15 cemetery under subsection (a). The report shall set forth
16 a schedule for such establishment and an estimate of the
17 costs associated with such establishment.

18 (d) DEADLINE.—The Secretary shall complete the es-
19 tablishment of the national cemetery under subsection (a)
20 not later than January 1, 2000.

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