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H. R. 1476

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish additional national
cemeteries for veterans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 20, 1999

Mr. EVANS (for himself, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. COSTELLO, Ms. DANNER, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. DOYLE, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mrs. KELLY, and Mr. LIPINSKI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish
additional national cemeteries for veterans.

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 “National Cemetery Act
5 of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
8 shall establish, in accordance with chapter 24 of title 38,
9 United States Code, a national cemetery in each of the

1 three areas in the United States that the Secretary deter-
2 mines to be most in need of such a cemetery to serve the
3 needs of veterans and their families.

4 (b) REPORTS.—

5 (1) INITIAL REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION.—

6 Not later than the date that is 120 days after the
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
8 Veterans Affairs shall submit to Congress a report
9 on the establishment of the national cemeteries
10 under subsection (a). The report shall set forth the
11 three areas identified by the Secretary for such es-
12 tablishment, a schedule for such establishment, and
13 an estimate of the costs associated with such estab-
14 lishment.

15 (2) UPDATES TO INITIAL REPORT.—Not later
16 than one year after the date on which the report de-
17 scribed in paragraph (1) is submitted to Congress,
18 and annually thereafter until the establishment of
19 the national cemeteries under subsection (a) is com-
20 plete, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a re-
21 port that updates the information included in the re-
22 port described in paragraph (1).

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