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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 16, 1999

Mr. CAMPBELL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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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 “Vietnam Veterans Rec-  
5       ognition Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITION OF A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE ON THE**  
 2 **SITE OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMO-**  
 3 **RIAL.**

4 Public Law 96–297 (16 U.S.C. 431 note), which au-  
 5 thorized the establishment of the Vietnam Veterans Me-  
 6 morial, is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 **“SEC. 5. PLAQUE TO HONOR OTHER VIETNAM VETERANS**  
 8 **WHO DIED AS A RESULT OF SERVICE IN THE**  
 9 **VIETNAM WAR.**

10 “(a) PLAQUE AUTHORIZED.—The American Battle  
 11 Monuments Commission is authorized to place within the  
 12 Vietnam Veterans Memorial a suitable plaque containing  
 13 an inscription intended to honor Vietnam veterans—

14 “(1) who died after their service in the Vietnam  
 15 war, but as a direct result of that service; and

16 “(2) whose names are not otherwise eligible for  
 17 placement on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall.

18 “(b) SPECIFICATIONS.—The plaque shall be at least  
 19 6 square feet in size and not larger than 18 square feet  
 20 in size, and of whatever shape as the American American  
 21 Battle Monuments Commission determines to be appro-  
 22 priate for the site. The plaque shall bear an inscription  
 23 prepared by the American Battle Monuments Commission.

24 “(c) RELATION TO COMMEMORATIVE WORKS ACT.—  
 25 Except as provided in subsection (a), the Commemorative  
 26 Works Act (40 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.) shall apply to the

1 design and placement of the plaque within the site of the  
2 Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

3 “(d) CONSULTATION.—In designing the plaque, pre-  
4 paring the inscription, and selecting the specific location  
5 for the plaque within the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the  
6 American Battle Monuments Commission shall consult  
7 with the architects of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial  
8 Fund, Inc.

9 “(e) FUNDS FOR PLAQUE.—Federal funds may not  
10 be used to design, procure, or install the plaque.

11 “(f) VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL DEFINED.—In  
12 this section, the term ‘Vietnam Veterans Memorial’ means  
13 the structures and adjacent areas extending to and bound-  
14 ed by the south curb of Constitution Avenue on the north,  
15 the east curb of Henry Bacon Drive on the west, the north  
16 side of the north Reflecting Pool walkway on the south  
17 and a line drawn perpendicular to Constitution Avenue  
18 200 feet from the east tip of the memorial wall on the  
19 east (this is also a line extended from the east side of the  
20 western concrete border of the steps to the west of the  
21 center steps to the Federal Reserve Building extending to  
22 the Reflecting pool walkway). This is the same definition  
23 used by the National Park Service as of the date of the

1 enactment of this section, as contained in section  
2 7.96(g)(1)(x) of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations.”.

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