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H. R. 1159

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HEFLEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 Colorado
7 Springs, Colorado, metropolitan area to serve the needs
8 of veterans 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 Colo-
5 rado and local officials of the Colorado Springs met-
6 ropolitan 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) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF PARCEL
13 OF LAND.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans
15 Affairs may accept on behalf of the United States
16 the gift of an appropriate parcel of real property.
17 The Secretary shall have administrative jurisdiction
18 over such parcel of real property, and shall use such
19 parcel to establish the national cemetery under sub-
20 section (a).

21 (2) INCOME TAX TREATMENT OF GIFT.—For
22 purposes of Federal income, estate, and gift taxes,
23 the real property accepted under paragraph (1) shall
24 be considered as a gift to the United States.

1 (d) REPORT.—As soon as practicable after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
3 to Congress a report on the establishment of the national
4 cemetery under subsection (a). The report shall set forth
5 a schedule for such establishment and an estimate of the
6 costs associated with such establishment.

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