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S. 2387

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Pikes Peak Region of Colorado.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 8, 2006

Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Pikes Peak Region of Colorado.

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 OF NATIONAL CEMETERY IN**
4 **THE PIKES PEAK REGION.**

5 (a) DEFINED TERM.—In this Act, the term “Pikes
6 Peak region” means the geographic area consisting of the
7 following counties in Colorado:

8 (1) Teller.

9 (2) El Paso.

10 (3) Fremont.

1 (4) Pueblo.

2 (b) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
3 shall establish, in accordance with chapter 24 of title 38,
4 United States Code, a national cemetery in the Pikes
5 Peaks region to serve the needs of veterans and their fami-
6 lies.

7 (c) CONSULTATION IN SELECTION OF SITE.—Before
8 selecting the site for the national cemetery to be estab-
9 lished under subsection (b), the Secretary shall consult
10 with—

11 (1) appropriate officials of the State of Colo-
12 rado and local officials in the Pikes Peaks region;
13 and

14 (2) appropriate officials of the United States,
15 including the Administrator of General Services,
16 with respect to land belonging to the United States
17 in that area that would be suitable to establish the
18 national cemetery under subsection (b).

19 (d) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF PARCEL
20 OF LAND.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may accept
22 on behalf of the United States the gift of an appro-
23 priate parcel of real property. The Secretary shall
24 have administrative jurisdiction over such parcel of

1 real property, and shall use such parcel to establish
2 the national cemetery under subsection (b).

3 (2) INCOME TAX TREATMENT OF GIFT.—For
4 purposes of Federal income, estate, and gift taxes,
5 the real property accepted under paragraph (1) shall
6 be considered a gift to the United States.

7 (e) REPORT.—As soon as practicable after the date
8 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
9 to Congress a report on the establishment of the national
10 cemetery under subsection (b). The report shall set forth
11 a schedule for the establishment of the national cemetery
12 and an estimate of the costs associated with the establish-
13 ment of the national cemetery.

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