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S. 551

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ALLARD 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 OF NATIONAL CEMETERY IN**
4 **COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO, METRO-**
5 **POLITAN AREA.**

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

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

5 (1) appropriate officials of the State of Colo-
 6 rado and local officials of the Colorado Springs met-
 7 ropolitan area; and

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

13 (c) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF PARCEL
 14 OF LAND.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may accept
 16 on behalf of the United States the gift of an appro-
 17 priate parcel of real property. The Secretary shall
 18 have administrative jurisdiction over such parcel of
 19 real property, and shall use such parcel to establish
 20 the national cemetery under subsection (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 the establishment of the national cemetery
6 and an estimate of the costs associated with the establish-
7 ment of the national cemetery.

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