

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4169

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 25, 2008

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Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT

To authorize the placement in Arlington National Cemetery of an American Braille tactile flag in Arlington National Cemetery honoring blind members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and other Americans.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “American Braille Flag
3 Memorial Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) There are more than 175,000 blind veterans.

8 (2) The Department of Defense estimates that
9 16 percent of the members of the Armed Forces who
10 have been injured in Operation Iraqi Freedom and
11 Operation Enduring Freedom have severe vision loss
12 as a result of their injuries.

13 (3) The American Braille tactile flag was created
14 by the Kansas Braille Transcription Institute
15 in Wichita, Kansas, to allow blind Americans and
16 blind veterans to experience the American flag.

17 (4) Arlington National Cemetery, visited by approximately 4,000,000 people annually, is a national place of remembrance and honor for the Nation’s veterans.

1 SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF PLACEMENT OF AN AMERICAN
2 BRAILLE TACTILE FLAG IN ARLINGTON NA-
3 TIONAL CEMETERY HONORING BLIND MEM-
4 BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, VETERANS,
5 AND OTHER AMERICANS.

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army is au-
7 thorized to place in Arlington National Cemetery an
8 American Braille tactile flag in Arlington National Ceme-
9 tery honoring blind members of the Armed Forces, vet-
10 erans, and other Americans.

11 (b) APPROVAL OF DESIGN AND SITE.—The Secretary
12 of the Army shall have exclusive authority to approve an
13 appropriate design and site within Arlington National
14 Cemetery for the memorial authorized under subsection
15 (a).

Passed the House of Representatives February 14,
2008.

Attest: **LORRAINE C. MILLER,**
Clerk.