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1ST SESSION

H. R. 174

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 3, 2009

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the southern Colorado region.

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. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL CEMETERY IN**
2 **SOUTHERN COLORADO REGION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
4 shall establish, in accordance with chapter 24 of title 38,
5 United States Code, a national cemetery in El Paso Coun-
6 ty, Colorado, to serve the needs of veterans and their fami-
7 lies in the southern Colorado region.

8 (b) CONSULTATION IN SELECTION OF SITE.—Before
9 selecting the site for the national cemetery established
10 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with—

11 (1) appropriate officials of the State of Colo-
12 rado and local officials in the southern Colorado re-
13 gion; 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 El Paso County, Colorado, that would be suitable
18 to establish the national cemetery under subsection
19 (a).

20 (c) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF PARCEL
21 OF LAND.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans
23 Affairs may accept on behalf of the United States
24 the gift of an appropriate parcel of real property.
25 The Secretary shall have administrative jurisdiction
26 over such parcel of real property, and shall use such

1 parcel to establish the national cemetery under sub-
2 section (a).

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 as a gift to the United States.

7 (d) 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 (a). The report shall set forth
11 a schedule for such establishment and an estimate of the
12 costs associated with such establishment.

13 (e) RELATIONSHIP TO CONSTRUCTION AND FIVE
14 YEAR CAPITAL PLAN.—The requirement to establish a
15 national cemetery under subsection (a) shall be added to
16 the current list of priority projects, but should not take
17 priority over existing projects listed on the National Ceme-
18 tery Administration’s construction and five-year capital
19 plan for fiscal year 2008.

20 (f) SOUTHERN COLORADO REGION DEFINED.—In
21 this Act, the term “southern Colorado region” means the
22 geographic region consisting of the following Colorado
23 counties:

24 (1) El Paso.

25 (2) Pueblo.

- 1 (3) Teller.
- 2 (4) Fremont.
- 3 (5) Las Animas.
- 4 (6) Huerfano.
- 5 (7) Custer.
- 6 (8) Costilla.
- 7 (9) Alamosa.
- 8 (10) Saguache.
- 9 (11) Conejos.
- 10 (12) Mineral.
- 11 (13) Archuleta.
- 12 (14) Hinsdale.
- 13 (15) Gunnison.
- 14 (16) Pitkin.
- 15 (17) La Plata.
- 16 (18) Montezuma.
- 17 (19) San Juan.
- 18 (20) Ouray.
- 19 (21) San Miguel.
- 20 (22) Dolores.
- 21 (23) Montrose.
- 22 (24) Delta.
- 23 (25) Mesa.
- 24 (26) Crowley.
- 25 (27) Kiowa.

1 (28) Bent.

2 (29) Baca.

Passed the House of Representatives November 2,
2009.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.