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# H. R. 5879

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the United States in Laos during the Vietnam War era.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 2010

Mr. COSTA (for himself, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. HONDA, Mr. KAGEN, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. HOLDEN, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KIND, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. PIERLUISI, Mr. PETERSON, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. STARK, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. NUNES, Mr. WOLF, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. CAO, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. McCOTTER, and Mr. PETRI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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,*

1     **SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY FOR INTERMENT IN NATIONAL**  
2                   **CEMETERIES.**

3         (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2402 of title 38, United  
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing new paragraph:

6                 “(9) Any individual who—

7                     “(A) the Secretary determines served in  
8 combat support of the Armed Forces (including  
9 combat support involving any covert action of  
10 the United States, as defined in section 503(e)  
11 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50  
12 U.S.C. 413b)) in the Kingdom of Laos during  
13 the period beginning on February 28, 1961,  
14 and ending on May 15, 1975; and

15                 “(B) at the time of the individual’s death  
16 was a citizen of the United States or an alien  
17 lawfully admitted for permanent residence in  
18 the United States.”.

19         (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
20 this Act shall apply with respect to an individual dying  
21 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

