

Union Calendar No. 102

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1497

[Report No. 113–140]

To amend title 36, United States Code, to ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the United States Armed Forces may contain religious symbols, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 11, 2013

Mr. HUNTER (for himself, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. JONES, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. NUNNELEE, Mr. LATTA, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. COBLE, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. PETERS of California, Mr. ISSA, and Mr. KLINE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

JULY 8, 2013

Additional sponsors: Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. GOHMERT, Ms. FOXX, and Mrs. BACHMANN

JULY 8, 2013

Reported with amendments, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on April 11, 2013]

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “War Memorial Protec-*
 5 *tion Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF EMBLEMS OF BELIEF AS PART OF**
 7 **MILITARY MEMORIALS.**

8 *(a) AUTHORITY.—Chapter 21 of title 36, United States*
 9 *Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:*

10 **“§2115. Inclusion of emblems of belief as part of mili-**
 11 **tary memorials**

12 *“(a) AUTHORIZED INCLUSION.—For the purpose of*
 13 *honoring the sacrifices of members of the United States*
 14 *Armed Forces, including those members who make the ulti-*
 15 *mate sacrifice in defense of the United States, emblems of*
 16 *belief may be included as part of—*

17 *“(1) a military memorial that is established or*
 18 *acquired by the United States Government; or*

19 *“(2) a military memorial that is not established*
 20 *by the United States Government, but for which the*
 21 *American Battle Monuments Commission cooperated*
 22 *in the establishment of the memorial.*

23 *“(b) SCOPE OF INCLUSION.—When including emblems*
 24 *of belief as part of a military memorial, any approved em-*
 25 *blem of belief may be included on such a memorial. The*

1 *list of approved emblems of belief shall include, at a min-*
 2 *imum, all those emblems of belief authorized by the National*
 3 *Cemetery Administration.*

4 “(c) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

5 “(1) *The terms ‘emblem of belief’ and ‘emblems*
 6 *of belief’ refer to the emblems of belief contained on*
 7 *the list maintained by the National Cemetery Admin-*
 8 *istration for placement on Government-provided*
 9 *headstones and markers.*

10 “(2) *The term ‘military memorial’ means a me-*
 11 *morial or monument commemorating the service of*
 12 *the United States Armed Forces. The term includes*
 13 *works of architecture and art described in section*
 14 *2105(b) of this title.”.*

15 (b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at*
 16 *the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding at the*
 17 *end the following:*

“2115. Inclusion of emblems of belief as part of military memorials.”.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the United States Armed Forces may contain emblems of belief, and for other purposes.”.

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