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# H. R. 3506

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of the Army to permit visitors to leave appropriate items on gravesites and markers located in section 60 of Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 15, 2013

Mr. McDERMOTT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Honor Our Fallen He-  
5 roes With Dignity Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF ITEMS PLACED AT GRAVESITES IN**  
2 **SECTION 60 OF ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEME-**  
3 **TERY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 24 of title 38, United  
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
6 lowing new section:

7 **“§ 2415. Treatment of items placed at gravesites in**  
8 **section 60 of Arlington National Ceme-**  
9 **tery**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army shall  
11 permit visitors to leave appropriate items on any gravesite  
12 or Government-furnished marker located in section 60.

13 “(b) APPROPRIATE ITEMS.—For purposes of this sec-  
14 tion an appropriate item is any item that—

15 “(1) does not present a safety or health con-  
16 cern, as determined by the Secretary of the Army;

17 “(2) is not permanently affixed to a Govern-  
18 ment-furnished marker; and

19 “(3) does not interfere with the normal oper-  
20 ations and maintenance procedures of Arlington Na-  
21 tional Cemetery.

22 “(c) COLLECTION OF ITEMS.—(1) In the case of any  
23 item left on a gravesite, headstone, or marker in section  
24 60 that is determined not to be an appropriate item by  
25 reason of paragraph (1) or (3) of subsection (b), the His-

1 tory Office of Arlington National Cemetery shall collect,  
2 catalog, and store the item.

3 “(2) At the end of each calendar month, the History  
4 Office shall collect all items left on gravesites and  
5 headstones and markers furnished under section 2306 of  
6 this title and catalog and store such items.

7 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 “(1) The term ‘section 60’ means section 60 of  
9 Arlington National Cemetery.

10 “(2) The term ‘Government-furnished marker’  
11 means a headstone or marker furnished under sec-  
12 tion 2306 of this title.”.

13 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
14 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding  
15 at the end the following new item:

“2415. Treatment of items placed at gravesites in section 60 of Arlington Na-  
tional Cemetery.”.

