

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8893

To amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to burials, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 28, 2024

Mr. JAMES (for himself, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, and Mr. LUTTRELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Preserving Veterans’
5 Legacy Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. HEADSTONES AND MARKERS FOR GROUPS OF INDIVIDUALS BURIED IN GROUP INTERMENTS.**

3 Section 2306 of title 38, United States Code, is
4 amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsection (k) as sub-
6 section (l); and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (j) the fol-
8 lowing new subsection (k):

9 “(k)(1) In lieu of a headstone or marker for an indi-
10 vidual under this section, the Secretary may furnish a sin-
11 gle appropriate headstone or marker for a group of indi-
12 viduals buried in a group interment if each individual of
13 such group is eligible for a headstone or marker furnished
14 under this section.

15 “(2) The authority to furnish a headstone or marker
16 under paragraph (1) shall terminate on the date that is
17 seven years after the date of the enactment of the Pre-
18 serving Veterans’ Legacy Act of 2024.”.

19 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR BURIAL OF**
20 **SPOUSES AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN WHO**
21 **PREDECEASE VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY**
22 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

23 Section 2402(a)(5) of title 38, United States Code,
24 is amended by striking “October 1, 2024” and inserting
25 “October 1, 2031”.