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2D SESSION

S. 4416

To designate the Special Guerilla Unit National Memorial at Veterans
Memorial Park in Middletown, Connecticut.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 23, 2024

Mr. BLUMENTHAL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and
referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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at Veterans Memorial Park in Middletown, Connecticut.

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 “Special Guerilla Unit
5 National Memorial Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) from 1961 to 1975, the Special Guerilla
9 Unit, consisting of approximately 50,000 Hmong

1 soldiers, fought to defend United States interests
2 and contain Communist expansion in Laos;

3 (2) approximately 35,000 members of the Spe-
4 cial Guerilla Unit died during combat operations in
5 Laos;

6 (3) members of the Special Guerilla Unit con-
7 ducted numerous rescue missions to recover downed
8 United States pilots;

9 (4) thousands of veterans of the Special Gue-
10 rilla Unit resettled with their families in the United
11 States; and

12 (5) the veterans of the Special Guerilla Unit
13 displayed peerless heroism during their operations in
14 Laos.

15 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF THE SPECIAL GUERRILLA UNIT NA-**
16 **TIONAL MEMORIAL.**

17 (a) DESIGNATION.—The memorial to the members of
18 the Special Guerilla Unit located at Veterans Memorial
19 Park in Middletown, Connecticut, is designated as the
20 “Special Guerilla Unit National Memorial”.

21 (b) EFFECT OF DESIGNATION.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The national memorial des-
23 igned by subsection (a) is not a unit of the Na-
24 tional Park System.

1 (2) FEDERAL FUNDS.—The designation of the
2 national memorial by subsection (a) shall not require
3 or permit Federal funds to be expended for any pur-
4 pose related to the national memorial designated by
5 that subsection.

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