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H. R. 2721

[Report No. 119-]

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish and carry out a pilot program to furnish a headstone or burial marker to veterans who died on or before November 1, 1990, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 8, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

SEPTEMBER --, 2025

Reported with an amendment, 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 *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on April 8, 2025]

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 “Honoring Our Heroes*
5 *Act of 2025”.*

6 **SEC. 2. TEMPORARY AUTHORITY TO FURNISH HEADSTONES**
7 **AND BURIAL MARKERS TO CERTAIN VET-**
8 **ERANS.**

9 (a) *AUTHORITY.*—*During the period of seven years fol-*
10 *lowing the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary*
11 *of Veterans Affairs shall furnish, pursuant to section 2306*
12 *of title 38, United States Code, and without regards to sec-*
13 *tion 8041(b) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of*
14 *1990 (Public Law 101–508), an appropriate headstone,*
15 *burial marker, or medallion for a veteran—*

16 (1) *eligible for burial in a national cemetery;*
17 (2) *who died on or after December 7, 1941; and*
18 (3) *for whose grave the Secretary has not already*
19 *provided a headstone, burial marker, or medallion.*

20 (b) *WEBSITE.*—*During such period, the Secretary*
21 *shall ensure that the website of the National Cemetery Ad-*
22 *ministration indicates the effect of this Act on eligibility*
23 *for a headstone, burial marker, or medallion under such*
24 *section.*

1 ***SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN LIMITS ON PAYMENTS OF***
2 ***PENSION.***

3 *Section 5503(d)(7) of title 38, United States Code, is*
4 *amended by striking “November 30, 2031” and inserting*
5 *“February 29, 2032”.*