

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 4757
OFFERED BY Ms. Titus

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR HEADSTONES,
2 MARKERS, AND MEDALLIONS FOR MEDAL OF
3 HONOR RECIPIENTS.

4 Section 2306(d) of title 38, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
6 graph:

7 “(5)(A) In carrying out this subsection with respect
8 to a deceased individual described in subparagraph (C),
9 the Secretary shall furnish, upon request, a headstone or
10 marker under paragraph (1) or a medallion under para-
11 graph (4) that signifies the deceased’s status as a Medal
12 of Honor recipient.

13 “(B) If the Secretary furnished a headstone, marker,
14 or medallion under paragraph (1) or (4) for a deceased
15 individual described in subparagraph (C) that does not
16 signify the deceased’s status as a Medal of Honor recipi-
17 ent, the Secretary shall, upon request, replace such head-
18 stone, marker, or medallion with a headstone, marker, or

1 medallion, as the case may be, that so signifies the
2 deceased's status as a Medal of Honor recipient.

3 “(C) A deceased individual described in this subpara-
4 graph is a deceased individual who—

5 “(i) served in the Armed Forces on or after
6 April 6, 1917;

7 “(ii) is eligible for a headstone or marker fur-
8 nished under paragraph (1) or a medallion furnished
9 under paragraph (4) (or would be so eligible for
10 such headstone, marker, or medallion but for the
11 date of the death of the individual); and

12 “(iii) was awarded the Medal of Honor (includ-
13 ing posthumously).”.

14 **SEC. 2. BURIAL PLOTS AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEME-**
15 **TERY FOR INDIVIDUALS AWARDED THE**
16 **MEDAL OF HONOR.**

17 (a) **RESERVATION.**—Of the number of in-ground bur-
18 ial plots available at Arlington National Cemetery as of
19 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
20 the Army shall reserve 100 such plots to inter deceased
21 individuals who have been awarded the Medal of Honor.

22 (b) **TERMINATION.**—The requirement under sub-
23 section (a) shall terminate on the date on which the Sec-
24 retary of the Army to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs
25 and the Committees on Armed Services of the House of

1 Representatives and the Senate a report on the interment
2 and inurnment capacity of Arlington National Cemetery
3 that includes—

4 (1) the estimated date that the Secretary deter-
5 mines the cemetery will reach maximum interment
6 and inurnment capacity; and

7 (2) in light of the unique and iconic meaning of
8 the cemetery to the United States, recommendations
9 for legislative actions and nonlegislative options that
10 the Secretary determines necessary to ensure that
11 the maximum interment and inurnment capacity of
12 the cemetery is not reached until well into the fu-
13 ture, including such actions and options with respect
14 to—

15 (A) redefining eligibility criteria for inter-
16 ment and inurnment in the cemetery; and

17 (B) considerations for additional expansion
18 opportunities beyond the current boundaries of
19 the cemetery.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to amend title
38, United States Code, to expand the eligibility for
headstones, markers, and medallions furnished by the
Secretary of Veterans Affairs for deceased individuals
who were awarded the Medal of Honor and are buried in

private cemeteries and to reserve in-ground burial plots at Arlington National Cemetery for such individuals.”.

