

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 6409  
OFFERED BY MR. ROE OF TENNESSEE**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Honoring Veterans’  
3 Families Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. PROVISION OF INSCRIPTIONS FOR SPOUSES AND  
5 CHILDREN ON CERTAIN HEADSTONES AND  
6 MARKERS FURNISHED BY THE SECRETARY  
7 OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2306 of title 38, United  
9 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
10 lowing new subsection:

11 “(i)(1) In addition to any other authority under this  
12 section, in the case of an individual for whom the Sec-  
13 retary has furnished a headstone or marker for the un-  
14 marked grave of the individual in a non-Federal cemetery  
15 under subsection (a) or for whom the Secretary has fur-  
16 nished a headstone or marker under subsection (d), the  
17 Secretary, if feasible and upon request, may replace (or  
18 modify) the headstone or marker to add an inscription for

1 the surviving spouse or eligible dependent child of such  
2 individual following the death of the surviving spouse or  
3 eligible dependent child.

4 “(2) If the spouse or eligible dependent child of an  
5 individual referred to in paragraph (1) predeceases the in-  
6 dividual, the Secretary may, if feasible and upon request,  
7 include an inscription for the spouse or dependent child  
8 on the headstone or marker furnished for the individual  
9 under subsection (a) or (d).

10 “(3) In this section, the term ‘non-Federal cemetery’  
11 means—

12 “(A) a veterans’ cemetery owned by a State; or

13 “(B) a State, local, tribal, or private ceme-  
14 tery.”.

15 (b) APPLICATION.—Subsection (i) of section 2306 of  
16 title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection (a),  
17 shall apply with respect to an individual who dies on or  
18 after October 1, 2018.

