

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 2385
OFFERED BY MR. TAKANO

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. GRANTS FOR CEMETERY RESEARCH AND THE**
2 **PRODUCTION OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS.**

3 (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans
5 Affairs may establish a grant program to conduct
6 cemetery research and produce educational materials
7 for the Veterans Legacy Program.

8 (2) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.—The Secretary may
9 award a grant under this section to any of the fol-
10 lowing entities:

11 (A) An institution of higher learning.

12 (B) A local education agency.

13 (C) A non-profit entity that the Secretary
14 determines has a demonstrated history of com-
15 munity engagement.

16 (D) Another recipient the Secretary deter-
17 mines to be appropriate.

1 (3) USE OF FUNDS.—A recipient of a grant
2 under this section may use the grant amount to—

3 (A) conduct research related to national,
4 State, or Tribal veterans' cemeteries;

5 (B) produce education materials that teach
6 about the history of veterans interred in na-
7 tional, State, or Tribal veterans' cemeteries;
8 and

9 (C) promote community engagement with
10 the histories of veterans interred in national,
11 State, or Tribal veterans' cemeteries.

12 (4) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—A grant awarded
13 under this section may not exceed \$500,000.

14 (b) REGULATIONS.—If the Secretary establishes a
15 grant program under this section, the Secretary shall pre-
16 scribe regulations regarding—

17 (1) the evaluation of applications for grants
18 under the program; and

19 (2) administration of the program.

20 (c) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than two years
21 after the Secretary establishes a grant program under this
22 section, the Secretary shall submit to the committees on
23 Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives and the
24 Senate a report regarding the determination of the Sec-

1 retary whether the grant program is a financially effective
2 means to promote the purposes in subsection (a)(3).

3 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) The term “Veterans Legacy Program”
5 means the program of the National Cemetery Ad-
6 ministration that is responsible for providing engage-
7 ment and educational tools and opportunities to the
8 public regarding the service and sacrifice of veterans
9 interred in national, State, or Tribal veterans’ ceme-
10 teries.

11 (2) The term “institution of higher learning”
12 has the meaning given that term in section 3452(f)
13 of title 38, United States Code.

14 (3) The term “local educational agency” has
15 the meaning given that term in section 8101 of the
16 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
17 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

