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118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R.** 8893

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JAMES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “Preserving Veterans’  
5 Legacy Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. HEADSTONES AND MARKERS FOR GROUPS OF INDI-**  
2 **VIDUALS BURIED IN GROUP INTERMENTS.**

3 Section 2306 of title 38, United States Code, is  
4 amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsection (k) as sub-  
6 section (l); and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (j) the fol-  
8 lowing new subsection (k):

9 “(k)(1) In lieu of a headstone or marker for an indi-  
10 vidual under this section, the Secretary may furnish a sin-  
11 gle appropriate headstone or marker for a group of indi-  
12 viduals buried in a group interment if each individual of  
13 such group is eligible for a headstone or marker furnished  
14 under this section.

15 “(2) The authority to furnish a headstone or marker  
16 under paragraph (1) shall terminate on the date that is  
17 seven years after the date of the enactment of the Pre-  
18 serving Veterans’ Legacy Act of 2024.”.

19 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR BURIAL OF**  
20 **SPOUSES AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN WHO**  
21 **PREDECEASE VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY**  
22 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

23 Section 2402(a)(5) of title 38, United States Code,  
24 is amended by striking “October 1, 2024” and inserting  
25 “October 1, 2031”.