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[Report No. 106-113]

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Atlanta, Georgia, metropolitan area.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 24, 1999

Mr. CLELAND (for himself and Mr. COVERDELL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

JULY 20, 1999

Reported by Mr. SPECTER, with an amendment and an amendment to the title

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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. ESTABLISHMENT.**

4 *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs*
5 *shall establish, in accordance with chapter 24 of title 38,*

1 United States Code, a national cemetery in the Atlanta,
2 Georgia, metropolitan area to serve the needs of veterans
3 and their families.

4 (b) CONSULTATION IN SELECTION OF SITE.—Before
5 selecting the site for the national cemetery established
6 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with—

7 (1) appropriate officials of the State of Georgia
8 and local officials of the Atlanta, Georgia, metropoli-
9 tan area; and

10 (2) appropriate officials of the United States,
11 including the Administrator of General Services,
12 with respect to land belonging to the United States
13 in that area that would be suitable to establish the
14 national cemetery under subsection (a).

15 (c) REPORT.—As soon as practicable after the date
16 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
17 to Congress a report on the establishment of the national
18 cemetery under subsection (a). The report shall set forth
19 a schedule for such establishment and an estimate of the
20 costs associated with such establishment.

21 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL CEMETERIES.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—*The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
23 shall establish, in accordance with chapter 24 of title 38,
24 United States Code, the following:*

1 (1) *A national cemetery in the Atlanta, Georgia,*
2 *metropolitan area to serve the needs of veterans and*
3 *their families.*

4 (2) *A national cemetery in Southwestern Penn-*
5 *sylvania to serve the needs of veterans and their fami-*
6 *lies.*

7 (3) *A national cemetery in the Miami, Florida,*
8 *metropolitan area to serve the needs of veterans and*
9 *their families.*

10 (b) *CONSULTATION IN SELECTION OF SITES.*—Before
11 selecting the sites for the national cemeteries to be estab-
12 lished under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult
13 with—

14 (1) *in the case of the national cemetery to be es-*
15 *tablished under paragraph (1) of that subsection, ap-*
16 *propriate officials of the State of Georgia and appro-*
17 *priate officials of local governments in the Atlanta,*
18 *Georgia, metropolitan area;*

19 (2) *in the case of the national cemetery to be es-*
20 *tablished under paragraph (2) of that subsection, ap-*
21 *propriate officials of the State of Pennsylvania and*
22 *appropriate officials of local governments in South-*
23 *western Pennsylvania;*

24 (3) *in the case of the national cemetery to be es-*
25 *tablished under paragraph (3) of that subsection, ap-*

1 *appropriate officials of the State of Florida and appropriate*
2 *officials of local governments in the Miami,*
3 *Florida, metropolitan area; and*

4 *(4) appropriate officials of the United States, including the Administrator of General Services, with respect to land belonging to the United States that would be suitable as a location for the establishment of each such national cemetery.*

9 *(c) REPORT.—As soon as practicable after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the establishment of the national cemeteries under subsection (a). The report shall set forth a schedule for the establishment of each such cemetery and an estimate of the costs associated with the establishment of each such cemetery.*

Amend the title to read as follows: “A Bill To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Atlanta, Georgia, metropolitan area, in Southwestern Pennsylvania, and in the Miami, Florida, metropolitan area.”.

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