

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1759

To require the Secretary of the Army to remove the remains of Russell Wayne Wagner from Arlington National Cemetery.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2005

Mr. CRAIG introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) Arlington National Cemetery is a National
6 Shrine that memorializes the honorable service of
7 men and women who have defended the freedoms
8 that all Americans enjoy.

9 (2) The inclusion among the honored dead of
10 persons who have committed particularly notorious,

1 heinous acts brings dishonor to the deceased and
2 disrespect to their loved ones.

3 (3) The removal of persons who have committed
4 heinous acts would not be an act of punishment
5 against those persons, but rather an act that would
6 preserve the sacredness of cemetery grounds.

7 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF REMAINS.**

8 (a) REMOVAL.—The Secretary of the Army shall re-
9 move the remains of Russell Wayne Wagner from Arling-
10 ton National Cemetery.

11 (b) NOTIFICATION OF NEXT-OF-KIN.—Upon removal
12 of the remains of Russell Wayne Wagner, the Secretary
13 of the Army shall—

14 (1) notify the next-of-kin of record for Russell
15 Wayne Wagner of the removal of his remains; and

16 (2) arrange for the internment or inurnment of
17 those remains in a public or private cemetery or, if
18 requested, relinquish the remains to the next-of-kin
19 of record.

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