

110TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 295

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Pikes Peak region of Colorado.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 5, 2007

Mr. LAMBORN (for himself, Mrs. MUSGRAVE, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. PERLMUTTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Pikes Peak region of Colorado.

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 OF NATIONAL CEMETERY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
5 shall establish, in accordance with chapter 24 of title 38,
6 United States Code, a national cemetery in the Pikes Peak
7 region to serve the needs of veterans and their families.

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

4 (1) appropriate officials of the State of Colo-
5 rado and local officials in the Pikes Peak region; and

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

11 (c) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF PARCEL
12 OF LAND.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans
14 Affairs may accept on behalf of the United States
15 the gift of an appropriate parcel of real property.
16 The Secretary shall have administrative jurisdiction
17 over such parcel of real property, and shall use such
18 parcel to establish the national cemetery under sub-
19 section (a).

20 (2) INCOME TAX TREATMENT OF GIFT.—For
21 purposes of Federal income, estate, and gift taxes,
22 the real property accepted under paragraph (1) shall
23 be considered as a gift to the United States.

24 (d) REPORT.—As soon as practicable after the date
25 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit

1 to Congress a report on the establishment of the national
2 cemetery under subsection (a). The report shall set forth
3 a schedule for such establishment and an estimate of the
4 costs associated with such establishment.

5 (e) PIKES PEAK REGION DEFINED.—In this Act, the
6 term “Pikes Peak region” means the geographic area con-
7 sisting of the following Colorado counties:

- 8 (1) Teller.
- 9 (2) El Paso.
- 10 (3) Fremont.
- 11 (4) Pueblo.

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