

Union Calendar No. 101

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 290

[Report No. 112–156]

To amend title 36, United States Code, to ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the United States Armed Forces may contain religious symbols, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 12, 2011

Mr. HUNTER (for himself, Mr. BILBRAY, and Mr. ISSA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

JULY 20, 2011

Additional sponsors: Mr. ROSS of Florida, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. LATTA, Mrs. ADAMS, Mr. AUSTRIA, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. SCHOCK, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. KLINE, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. LAMBORN, Ms. FOXX, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, and Mr. MCCOTTER

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union
and ordered to be printed

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “War Memorial Protec-
5 tion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS AS PART OF**
7 **MILITARY MEMORIALS.**

8 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—Chapter 21 of title 36, United
9 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing:

11 **“§ 2115. Inclusion of religious symbols as part of mili-**
12 **tary memorials**

13 “(a) **INCLUSION OF RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS AUTHOR-**
14 **IZED.**—To recognize the religious background of members
15 of the United States Armed Forces, religious symbols may
16 be included as part of—

17 “(1) a military memorial that is established or
18 acquired by the United States Government; or

19 “(2) a military memorial that is not established
20 by the United States Government, but for which the
21 American Battle Monuments Commission cooperated
22 in the establishment of the memorial.

23 “(b) **MILITARY MEMORIAL DEFINED.**—In this sec-
24 tion, the term ‘military memorial’ means a memorial or
25 monument commemorating the service of the United

1 States Armed Forces. The term includes works of archi-
2 tecture and art described in section 2105(b) of this title.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
4 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
5 at the end the following:

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