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AN ACT

To expand the eligibility for headstones, markers, and medallions furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for deceased individuals who were awarded the Medal of Honor and are buried in private cemeteries, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR HEADSTONES,**
2 **MARKERS, AND MEDALLIONS FOR MEDAL OF**
3 **HONOR RECIPIENTS.**

4 Section 2306(d) of title 38, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
6 graph:

7 “(5)(A) In carrying out this subsection with respect
8 to a deceased individual described in subparagraph (C),
9 the Secretary shall furnish, upon request, a headstone or
10 marker under paragraph (1) or a medallion under para-
11 graph (4) that signifies the deceased’s status as a Medal
12 of Honor recipient.

13 “(B) If the Secretary furnished a headstone, marker,
14 or medallion under paragraph (1) or (4) for a deceased
15 individual described in subparagraph (C) that does not
16 signify the deceased’s status as a Medal of Honor recipi-
17 ent, the Secretary shall, upon request, replace such head-
18 stone, marker, or medallion with a headstone, marker, or
19 medallion, as the case may be, that so signifies the
20 deceased’s status as a Medal of Honor recipient.

21 “(C) A deceased individual described in this subpara-
22 graph is a deceased individual who—

23 “(i) served in the Armed Forces on or after
24 April 6, 1917;

25 “(ii) is eligible for a headstone or marker fur-
26 nished under paragraph (1) or a medallion furnished

1 under paragraph (4) (or would be so eligible for
2 such headstone, marker, or medallion but for the
3 date of the death of the individual); and

4 “(iii) was awarded the Medal of Honor (includ-
5 ing posthumously).”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL CERTIFI-**
7 **CATE PROGRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 112(a) of title 38, United
9 States Code, is amended by striking “veterans,” and all
10 that follows through “service,” and inserting the following:
11 “persons eligible for burial in a national cemetery by rea-
12 son of any of paragraphs (1), (2), (3), or (7) of section
13 2402(a) of this title.”.

14 (b) APPLICATION.—The amendment made by sub-
15 section (a) shall apply with respect to the death of a per-
16 son eligible for burial in a national cemetery by reason
17 of paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (7) of section 2402(a) of
18 title 38, United States Code, occurring before, on, or after
19 the date of the enactment of this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives November 29,
2016.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.