

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4338

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 9, 2017

Ms. TENNEY introduced the following bill; which was 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Chuck Osier Burial
5 Benefits Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PROVISION**
2 **OF URNS FOR REMAINS OF CERTAIN VET-**
3 **ERANS WHOSE REMAINS ARE PLACED IN**
4 **NON-TRADITIONAL RESTING SITES.**

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

8 “(6)(A) In lieu of furnishing a headstone or marker
9 under this subsection to a deceased individual described
10 in subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall furnish, upon re-
11 quest and at the expense of the United States—

12 “(i) an urn made of any material to signify the
13 individual’s status as a veteran, in which the re-
14 mains of such individual may be placed at private
15 expense; or

16 “(ii) a commemorative plaque signifying the in-
17 dividual’s status as a veteran.

18 “(B) A deceased individual described in this sub-
19 section is an individual—

20 “(i) who served in the Armed Forces on or after
21 April 6, 1917;

22 “(ii) who is eligible for a headstone or marker
23 furnished under paragraph (1) (or would be so eligi-
24 ble but for the date of the death of the individual);
25 and

1 “(iii) whose remains were cremated and are
2 placed in a non-traditional resting site.

3 “(C) In this paragraph, the term ‘non-traditional
4 resting site’ means a site of interment or inurnment other
5 than a national cemetery, a State veterans’ cemetery, a
6 tribal cemetery, or a private cemetery.”.

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