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H. R. 5639

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish urns for the remains of certain veterans whose cremated remains are not interred in certain cemeteries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 16, 2020

Mr. BRINDISI (for himself and Mr. WALTZ) 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 CREMATED REMAINS ARE NOT**
4 **INTERRED IN CERTAIN CEMETERIES.**

5 Section 2306 of title 38, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subsections (h) and (i) as
8 subsections (i) and (j), respectively; and

9 (2) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-
10 lowing new subsection (h):

11 “(h)(1) In lieu of furnishing a headstone or marker
12 under this section to a deceased individual described in
13 paragraph (3), the Secretary shall furnish, upon request
14 and at the expense of the United States—

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

19 “(B) a commemorative plaque signifying the in-
20 dividual’s status as a veteran.

21 “(2) If the Secretary provides an urn or commemora-
22 tive plaque for a veteran under paragraph (1), the Sec-
23 retary may not provide for such veteran—

24 “(A) a headstone or marker under this section;
25 or

1 “(B) any burial benefit under section 2402 of
2 this title.

3 “(3) A deceased individual described in this para-
4 graph is an individual—

5 “(A) who served in the Armed Forces on or
6 after April 6, 1917;

7 “(B) who is eligible for a headstone or marker
8 furnished under subsection (d) (or would be so eligi-
9 ble but for the date of the death of the individual);
10 and

11 “(C) whose remains were cremated and not in-
12 terred in a national cemetery, a State veterans’ cem-
13 etery, a tribal cemetery, or a private cemetery.”.

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