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H. R. 6790

To direct the Secretary of the Army to authorize the placement of certain types of private headstones in Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 18, 2022

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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

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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 "Arlington Cemetery
5 Marker Fairness Act".

1 **SEC. 2. PLACEMENT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE HEADSTONES IN**
2 **ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army shall
4 authorize the placement in a covered area of Arlington Na-
5 tional Cemetery of a private headstone if such head-
6 stone—

7 (1) is placed within 20 feet of another private
8 headstone;

9 (2) is not larger than the plot on which it is
10 placed;

11 (3) meets the specifications provided in the Ar-
12 lington National Cemetery Memorialization Policy,
13 as in effect on December 31, 2016;

14 (4) is not a ledger, marker of freestanding cross
15 design, narrow shaft, mausoleum, or overground
16 vault; and

17 (5) does not exceed four feet in width and four
18 feet in height, including both the base and the die.

19 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) The term “private headstone” means a
21 headstone other than a standard white uniform mili-
22 tary grave marker.

23 (2) The term “covered area”, with respect to
24 Arlington National Cemetery, means an area within

- 1 one of the original 13 sections of the cemetery that
- 2 were designated for private markers.

