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1ST SESSION

S. 1071

To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disinter the remains of Fernando V. Cota from Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Texas, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 14, 2025

Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. CRUZ) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. DISINTERMENT OF REMAINS OF FERNANDO V.**

4 **COTA FROM FORT SAM HOUSTON NATIONAL**
5 **CEMETERY, TEXAS.**

6 (a) DISINTERMENT.—Not later than one year after
7 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
8 Veterans Affairs shall disinter the remains of Fernando

1 V. Cota from Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery,
2 Texas.

3 (b) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-
4 fairs may not carry out subsection (a) until after notifying
5 the next of kin of Fernando V. Cota.

6 (c) DISPOSITION.—After carrying out subsection (a),
7 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall—

8 (1) relinquish the remains to the next of kin de-
9 scribed in subsection (b); or

10 (2) if no such next of kin responds to the notifi-
11 cation under subsection (b), arrange for disposition
12 of the remains as the Secretary determines appro-
13 priate.

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