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# H. R. 1552

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 2019

Mr. TIPTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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 “Private Cemeteries  
5        Honoring Veterans in the Absence of Next of Kin Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUESTS BY PRIVATE CEMETERIES FOR**  
2 **HEADSTONES OR MARKERS FOR GRAVES OF**  
3 **CERTAIN VETERANS.**

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 “(6) If the Secretary is unable to identify any next  
8 of kin of a deceased individual covered by this subsection,  
9 a private cemetery may request the Secretary to furnish—

10 “(A) a headstone or marker for the grave of the  
11 deceased individual pursuant to paragraph (1); or

12 “(B) a medallion or other device to signify the  
13 deceased individual’s status as a veteran pursuant to  
14 paragraph (4).”.

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