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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Protecting our Vet-
5 erans’ Memories Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PLOT ALLOW-**
2 **ANCE FOR SPOUSES AND CHILDREN OF VET-**
3 **ERANS BURIED IN STATE CEMETERIES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2303 of title 38, United
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsections (e) through (e)
7 as subsections (d) through (f), respectively;

8 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
9 lowing new subsection (c):

10 “(c)(1) In the case of an individual described in para-
11 graph (2) who is buried in a cemetery that is owned by
12 a State or by an agency or political subdivision of a State,
13 the Secretary shall pay to such State, agency, or political
14 subdivision the sum of \$525 (as increased from time to
15 time under subsection (d)) as a plot or interment allow-
16 ance for such individual.

17 “(2) An individual described in this paragraph is a
18 spouse, surviving spouse (which for purposes of this sub-
19 section includes a surviving spouse who had a subsequent
20 remarriage), minor child (which for purposes of this sub-
21 section includes a child under 21 years of age, or under
22 23 years of age if pursuing a course of instruction at an
23 approved educational institution), or, in the discretion of
24 the Secretary, unmarried adult child of any of person de-
25 scribed in paragraph (1), (2), (3), (4), or (7) of section
26 2402 of this title.”;

1 (3) in subsection (d), as redesignated by para-
2 graph (1), by striking “subsection (b)” and inserting
3 “subsections (b) and (c)”; and

4 (4) by striking “subsection (c)” each place it
5 appears and inserting “subsection (d)”.

6 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
7 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-
8 ment of this Act and apply with respect to deaths occur-
9 ring on or after such date.