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H. R. 1660

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery
for veterans in the southern Colorado region.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SALAZAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a
national cemetery for veterans in the southern Colorado
region.

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. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL CEMETERY IN**
4 **SOUTHERN COLORADO REGION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
6 shall establish, in accordance with chapter 24 of title 38,
7 United States Code, a national cemetery in the southern

1 Colorado region to serve the needs of veterans and their
2 families.

3 (b) CONSULTATION IN SELECTION OF SITE.—Before
4 selecting the site for the national cemetery established
5 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with—

6 (1) appropriate officials of the State of Colo-
7 rado and local officials in the southern Colorado re-
8 gion; and

9 (2) appropriate officials of the United States,
10 including the Administrator of General Services,
11 with respect to land belonging to the United States
12 in that region that would be suitable to establish the
13 national cemetery under subsection (a).

14 (c) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF PARCEL
15 OF LAND.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans
17 Affairs may accept on behalf of the United States
18 the gift of an appropriate parcel of real property.
19 The Secretary shall have administrative jurisdiction
20 over such parcel of real property, and shall use such
21 parcel to establish the national cemetery under sub-
22 section (a).

23 (2) INCOME TAX TREATMENT OF GIFT.—For
24 purposes of Federal income, estate, and gift taxes,

1 the real property accepted under paragraph (1) shall
2 be considered as a gift to the United States.

3 (d) REPORT.—As soon as practicable after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
5 to Congress a report on the establishment of the national
6 cemetery under subsection (a). The report shall set forth
7 a schedule for such establishment and an estimate of the
8 costs associated with such establishment.

9 (e) SOUTHERN COLORADO REGION DEFINED.—In
10 this Act, the term “southern Colorado region” means the
11 geographic region consisting of the following Colorado
12 counties:

- 13 (1) El Paso.
- 14 (2) Pueblo.
- 15 (3) Teller.
- 16 (4) Fremont.
- 17 (5) Las Animas.
- 18 (6) Huerfano.
- 19 (7) Custer.
- 20 (8) Costilla.
- 21 (9) Alamosa.
- 22 (10) Saguache.
- 23 (11) Conejos.
- 24 (12) Mineral.
- 25 (13) Archuleta.

- 1 (14) Hinsdale.
- 2 (15) Gunnison.
- 3 (16) Pitkin.
- 4 (17) La Plata.
- 5 (18) Montezuma.
- 6 (19) San Juan.
- 7 (20) Ouray.
- 8 (21) San Miguel.
- 9 (22) Dolores.
- 10 (23) Montrose.
- 11 (24) Delta.
- 12 (25) Mesa.
- 13 (26) Crowley.
- 14 (27) Kiowa.
- 15 (28) Bent.
- 16 (29) Baca.

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