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H. R. 877

To direct the Secretary of the Army to place in Arlington National Cemetery a monument honoring the helicopter pilots and crewmembers who were killed while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces during the Vietnam era, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2017

Mr. AMODEI (for himself, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. KILMER, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. THOMAS J. ROONEY of Florida, Mr. JONES, Miss RICE of New York, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. HECK, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. HILL, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Mr. RENACCI, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. BYRNE, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. MARINO, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. STEWART, Mr. POCAN, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. KIND, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. ROSS, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. WITTMAN, Mrs. ROBY, Mr. PEARCE, and Mr. WENSTRUP) 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

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 “Vietnam Helicopter
5 Crew Monument Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PLACEMENT OF MONUMENT HONORING HELI-**
7 **COPTER PILOTS AND CREWMEMBERS WHO**
8 **WERE KILLED WHILE SERVING ON ACTIVE**
9 **DUTY IN THE ARMED FORCES DURING THE**
10 **VIETNAM ERA.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the requirements of
12 subsection (c), the Secretary of the Army shall place in
13 Arlington National Cemetery a monument honoring heli-
14 copter pilots and crewmembers who were killed while serv-
15 ing on active duty in the Armed Forces during the Viet-
16 nam era.

17 (b) DESIGN.—The monument placed under sub-
18 section (a) shall measure 4 feet in height, 5 feet in width,
19 and 1 foot in depth, and shall be based on a design ap-
20 proved by the Secretary of the Army and the Vietnam Hel-
21 icopter Pilots Association.

22 (c) AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTEN-
23 NANCE.—The Secretary of the Army may only place a
24 monument under subsection (a) if the Secretary enters
25 into an agreement with the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots As-

1 socation under which the Association agrees to pay all
2 costs necessary for preparation of the site for the monu-
3 ment (including the activities authorized under subsection
4 (d)(2)) and to construct, install, and maintain the monu-
5 ment, and to such other provisions as the Secretary may
6 require.

7 (d) SITE AND REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING MEMO-
8 RIAL.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The monument described in
10 subsection (a) shall be placed where the Vietnam
11 Helicopter Pilots Association Memorial Tree stood
12 on the day before the date of the enactment of this
13 Act.

14 (2) REMOVAL OF EXISTING MEMORIAL.—In
15 placing the monument described in subsection (a) in
16 the place specified in paragraph (1) of this sub-
17 section, the Secretary of the Army may remove the
18 Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association Memorial
19 Tree that was in such location on the day before the
20 date of the enactment of this Act.

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