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# H. R. 4338

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 9, 2017

Ms. TENNEY 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 “Chuck Osier Burial  
5 Benefits Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PROVISION**  
2 **OF URNS FOR REMAINS OF CERTAIN VET-**  
3 **ERANS WHOSE REMAINS ARE PLACED IN**  
4 **NON-TRADITIONAL RESTING SITES.**

5 Section 2306(d) of title 38, United States Code, is  
6 amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
7 graph:

8 “(6)(A) In lieu of furnishing a headstone or marker  
9 under this subsection to a deceased individual described  
10 in subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall furnish, upon re-  
11 quest and at the expense of the United States—

12 “(i) an urn made of any material to signify the  
13 individual’s status as a veteran, in which the re-  
14 mains of such individual may be placed at private  
15 expense; or

16 “(ii) a commemorative plaque signifying the in-  
17 dividual’s status as a veteran.

18 “(B) A deceased individual described in this sub-  
19 section is an individual—

20 “(i) who served in the Armed Forces on or after  
21 April 6, 1917;

22 “(ii) who is eligible for a headstone or marker  
23 furnished under paragraph (1) (or would be so eligi-  
24 ble but for the date of the death of the individual);  
25 and

1           “(iii) whose remains were cremated and are  
2           placed in a non-traditional resting site.

3           “(C) In this paragraph, the term ‘non-traditional  
4 resting site’ means a site of interment or inurnment other  
5 than a national cemetery, a State veterans’ cemetery, a  
6 tribal cemetery, or a private cemetery.”.

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