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# S. 315

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 6, 2017

Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. KING, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. TILLIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Vietnam Helicopter  
5 Crew Monument Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PLACEMENT OF MONUMENT HONORING HELI-**  
2 **COPTER PILOTS AND CREWMEMBERS WHO**  
3 **WERE KILLED WHILE SERVING ON ACTIVE**  
4 **DUTY IN THE ARMED FORCES DURING THE**  
5 **VIETNAM ERA.**

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

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

17 (c) AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTE-  
18 NANCE.—The Secretary of the Army may only place a  
19 monument under subsection (a) if the Secretary enters  
20 into an agreement with the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots As-  
21 sociation under which the Association agrees to pay all  
22 costs necessary for preparation of the site for the monu-  
23 ment (including the activities authorized under subsection  
24 (d)(2)) and to construct, install, and maintain the monu-  
25 ment, and to such other provisions as the Secretary may  
26 require.

1       (d) SITE AND REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING MEMO-  
2 RIAL.—

3           (1) IN GENERAL.—The monument described in  
4 subsection (a) shall be placed where the Vietnam  
5 Helicopter Pilots Association Memorial Tree stood  
6 on the day before the date of the enactment of this  
7 Act.

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

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