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113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MILLER of Florida (for himself and Mrs. WALORSKI) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. CLARIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS OF**
2 **CERTAIN ACCRUED BENEFITS UPON DEATH**
3 **OF BENEFICIARY.**

4 (a) **ELIGIBILITY OF ESTATE.**—Section 5121(a)(2) of
5 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
7 by inserting “, or estate,” after “person”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
9 paragraph

10 “(D) The estate of the veteran (unless the
11 estate will escheat).”.

12 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
13 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to the death of an
14 individual on or after the date of the enactment of this
15 Act.

16 (c) **RELIEF OF ESTATE OF SHELTON HICKERSON.**—
17 Notwithstanding section 5121 of title 38, United States
18 Code, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall pay to the
19 estate of Shelton Hickerson, formerly of Indianapolis, In-
20 diana, the sum of \$377,342, representing the amount that
21 the Secretary awarded to Shelton Hickerson on the date
22 of his death but was not payable to any survivor or the
23 estate of Shelton Hickerson.