



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
VETERANS' AFFAIRS
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H.R. 4335: Servicemember Family Burial Act

Background:

Under current law, spouses and eligible dependents of active-duty military are not allowed to be buried in a national cemetery if the spouse or dependent dies before the active-duty servicemember.

The Servicemember Family Burial Act would allow the spouses and eligible dependents of active-duty servicemembers who predecease the servicemember to be interred in a national cemetery.

The Message:

- We must provide support and all available options to servicemembers coping with the loss of a loved one.
- Spouses and dependents of active-duty servicemembers are currently prohibited from being buried in a national cemetery if they predecease the servicemember.
- This legislation would allow these spouses and dependents to interred in a national cemetery under certain conditions.
- The Servicemember Family Burial Act would provide more burial options to servicemembers coping with the loss of a family member.