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To further the protection and recognition of veterans' memorials, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 6, 2003

Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. MILLER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. INOUE, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. DOMENICI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. GREGG, Mr. SMITH, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BOND, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. BURNS, Mr. ALLEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. VOINOVICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

MARCH 20, 2003

Reported by Mr. HATCH, without amendment

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans’ Memorial
3 Preservation and Recognition Act of 2003”.

4 **SEC. 2. CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR DESTRUCTION OF VET-**
5 **ERANS’ MEMORIALS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 65 of title 18, United
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing:

9 **“§ 1369. Destruction of veterans’ memorials**

10 “(a) Whoever, in a circumstance described in sub-
11 section (b), willfully injures or destroys, or attempts to in-
12 jure or destroy, any structure, plaque, statue, or other
13 monument on public property commemorating the service
14 of any person or persons in the armed forces of the United
15 States shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more
16 than 10 years, or both.

17 “(b) A circumstance described in this subsection is
18 that—

19 “(1) in committing the offense described in sub-
20 section (a), the defendant travels or causes another
21 to travel in interstate or foreign commerce, or uses
22 the mail or an instrumentality of interstate or for-
23 eign commerce; or

24 “(2) the structure, plaque, statue, or other
25 monument described in subsection (a) is located on

1 property owned by, or under the jurisdiction of, the
2 Federal Government.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
4 at the beginning of chapter 65 of title 18, United States
5 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“1369. Destruction of veterans’ memorials.”.

6 **SEC. 3. HIGHWAY SIGNS RELATING TO VETERANS CEME-**
7 **TERIES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the terms of any
9 agreement entered into by the Secretary of Transportation
10 and a State under section 109(d) or 402(a) of title 23,
11 United States Code, a veterans cemetery shall be treated
12 as a site for which a supplemental guide sign may be
13 placed on any Federal-aid highway.

14 (b) APPLICABILITY.—Subsection (a) shall apply to an
15 agreement entered into before, on, or after the date of the
16 enactment of this Act.

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