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H. R. 1497

To direct the Secretary of Defense to take whatever steps may be necessary to exhume and transfer the remains of certain deceased members of the Armed Forces buried in Tripoli, Libya, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 12, 2011

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan (for himself and Mr. LOBIONDO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. EXHUMATION AND TRANSFER OF REMAINS OF**
2 **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
3 **FORCES BURIED IN TRIPOLI, LIBYA.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
5 sion of law, the Secretary of Defense shall take whatever
6 steps may be necessary to—

7 (1) exhume the remains of any deceased mem-
8 bers of the Armed Forces of the United States bur-
9 ied at a burial site described in subsection (b);

10 (2) transfer such remains to an appropriate
11 forensics laboratory to be identified;

12 (3) in the case of any remains that are identi-
13 fied, transport the remains to a veterans cemetery
14 located in proximity, as determined by the Secretary,
15 to the closest living family member of the deceased
16 individual or at another cemetery as determined by
17 the Secretary;

18 (4) for any member of the Armed Forces whose
19 remains are identified, provide a military funeral
20 and burial; and

21 (5) in the case of any remains that are unable
22 to be identified, transport the remains to Arlington
23 National Cemetery for interment at the Tomb of the
24 Unknowns.

25 (b) BURIAL SITES DESCRIBED.—The burial sites de-
26 scribed in this subsection are the following:

1 (1) The mass burial site containing the remains
2 of five United States sailors located in Protestant
3 Cemetery in Tripoli, Libya.

4 (2) The mass burial site containing the remains
5 of eight United States sailors located near the walls
6 of the Tripoli Castle in Tripoli, Libya.

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