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H. R. 183

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a study on the acquisition of land adjacent to Beaufort National Cemetery, Beaufort, South Carolina.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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. SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS STUDY ON**
4 **THE ACQUISITION OF LAND ADJACENT TO**
5 **BEAUFORT NATIONAL CEMETERY, BEAU-**
6 **FORT, SOUTH CAROLINA.**

7 (a) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Veterans
8 Affairs shall carry out a study on the acquisition, in ac-
9 cordance with chapter 24 of title 38, United States Code,

1 of the parcel of land described in subsection (b) to be used
2 for the expansion of the Beaufort National Cemetery in
3 Beaufort, South Carolina.

4 (b) PARCEL DESCRIBED.—The parcel of land de-
5 scribed in this subsection is a parcel of land consisting
6 of approximately 4.9 acres located on 17th Street in Beau-
7 fort, South Carolina, as depicted on tax map number 120-
8 1-238 dated May 4, 1998.

9 (c) CONTENTS OF STUDY.—In carrying out the study
10 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall examine each of
11 the following:

12 (1) Any issues associated with the purchase of
13 the parcel of land described in subsection (b) by the
14 Department of Veterans Affairs, and the viable sce-
15 narios to support such a purchase.

16 (2) The opportunities for the acquisition of
17 such parcel of land for the cemetery through a pub-
18 lic-private partnership.

19 (3) The feasibility of expanding the grant pro-
20 gram under section 2408 of title 38, United States
21 Code, to include aid to municipalities like Beaufort,
22 South Carolina, for establishing, expanding, and im-
23 proving veterans' cemeteries.

1 (4) The issues associated with expanding an ex-
2 isting veterans' cemetery under the state grant pro-
3 gram under such section 2408.

4 (5) The costs, feasibility, and benefits of a
5 niche wall separating Beaufort National Cemetery
6 and the parcel described in subsection (b).

7 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 30 days
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
9 shall submit to Congress a report on the study conducted
10 under subsection (a).

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