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S. 1850

To preserve the memorials to chaplains at Arlington National Cemetery,
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 26, 2021

Mr. WARNOCK (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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Cemetery, and for other purposes.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Chaplains Memorial
5 Preservation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PRESERVATION OF MEMORIALS TO CHAPLAINS ON**
7 **CHAPLAINS HILL AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL**
8 **CEMETERY.**

9 (a) UPDATES TO MEMORIALS.—The National Con-
10 ference on Ministry to the Armed Forces, or any successor

1 organization recognized in law for purposes of this Act,
2 may, at no cost to the Federal Government—

3 (1)(A) update the memorial to Protestant chap-
4 lains located in Arlington National Cemetery, Vir-
5 ginia, with a granite, marble, or other stone base to
6 host the bronze plaque of the memorial;

7 (B) add an additional plaque to such base that
8 includes the name of each chaplain, verified as de-
9 scribed in subsection (b), who died while on active
10 duty since the original memorial was placed; and

11 (C) make such other updates and corrections to
12 the memorial as may from time to time be needed
13 as determined by the National Conference on Min-
14 istry to the Armed Forces or such successor organi-
15 zation; and

16 (2) make such updates and corrections to the
17 memorial to Catholic chaplains and the memorial to
18 Jewish chaplains located in Arlington National Cem-
19 etery as may from time to time be needed as deter-
20 mined by the National Conference on Ministry to the
21 Armed Forces or such successor organization.

22 (b) VERIFICATION OF NAMES.—The National Con-
23 ference on Ministry to the Armed Forces, or any successor
24 organization recognized in law for purposes of this Act,
25 may verify with the Chief of Chaplains of the Army, the

1 Chief of Chaplains of the Navy, the Chief of Chaplains
2 for the Air Force and the Space Force, and such agencies
3 of the Department of Defense as the Secretary of the
4 Army considers appropriate, the names of chaplains for
5 memorialization in Arlington National Cemetery.

6 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act
7 may be construed as authorizing the expansion of any
8 monument or memorial that is located in Arlington Na-
9 tional Cemetery as of the date of the enactment of this
10 Act.

