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# H. R. 6334

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to relocate a memorial honoring the 9 Air Force crew members who lost their lives in an airplane crash in the Cherokee and Nantahala National Forests during a training mission on August 31, 1982.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 9, 2023

Mr. EDWARDS (for himself and Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## 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. RELOCATION OF MEMORIAL HONORING THE**  
2 **AIR FORCE CREW MEMBERS WHO LOST**  
3 **THEIR LIVES IN AN AIRPLANE CRASH DUR-**  
4 **ING A TRAINING MISSION ON AUGUST 31,**  
5 **1982.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—With the consent of the owner of  
7 the private land adjacent to the Cherohala Skyway in the  
8 State of North Carolina on which there is located a memo-  
9 rial honoring the 9 members of the Air Force crew of the  
10 C-141B transport plane that crashed during a training  
11 mission over the Cherokee and Nantahala National For-  
12 ests on August 31, 1982 (referred to in this section as  
13 the “memorial”), and subject to subsections (b) through  
14 (e), the Secretary of Agriculture (referred to in this sec-  
15 tion as the “Secretary”) may authorize, by special use au-  
16 thorization, the installation and any maintenance associ-  
17 ated with the installation of the memorial at an appro-  
18 priate site at the Stratton Ridge rest area located at mile  
19 marker 2 on the Cherohala Skyway in Graham County,  
20 North Carolina, in the Nantahala National Forest.

21 (b) SITE APPROVAL.—The site at which the memorial  
22 is installed under subsection (a) is subject to approval by  
23 the Secretary, in concurrence with—

24 (1) the North Carolina Department of Trans-  
25 portation; and

1           (2) in a case in which the site is located adja-  
2           cent to a Federal-aid highway, the Administrator of  
3           the Federal Highway Administration.

4           (c) FUNDING.—No Federal funds may be used to re-  
5           locate, install, or maintain the memorial under subsection  
6           (a).

7           (d) COSTS.—The individual or entity requesting the  
8           installation of the memorial on National Forest System  
9           land under subsection (a) shall be responsible for the costs  
10          associated with the use of National Forest System land  
11          for the memorial, including the costs of—

12                (1) processing the application for the relocation;

13                (2) issuing a special use authorization for the  
14           memorial, including the costs associated with any re-  
15           lated environmental analysis; and

16                (3) relocating, installing, and maintaining the  
17           memorial.

18          (e) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The special use au-  
19          thorization for the installation of the memorial under sub-  
20          section (a) may include any terms and conditions that are  
21          determined to be appropriate by the Secretary, including  
22          a provision preventing any enlargement or expansion of  
23          the memorial.

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