

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2494

To direct the Secretary of Defense to provide travel to Dover Air Force Base for family members of members of the Armed Forces who die outside of the United States but not in a theater of combat operations so the family may receive the remains of the deceased, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

Mr. COTTON (for himself and Ms. DUCKWORTH) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fallen Heroes Family
5 Travel Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSPORTATION OF REMAINS OF CASUALTIES;**
 2 **TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR NEXT OF KIN.**

3 (a) TRANSPORTATION FOR REMAINS OF A MEMBER
 4 WHO DIES NOT IN A THEATER OF COMBAT OPER-
 5 ATIONS.—Section 562 of the John Warner National De-
 6 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (Public Law
 7 109–364; 10 U.S.C. 1482 note) is amended—

8 (1) in the heading, by striking “**DYING IN A**
 9 **THEATER OF COMBAT OPERATIONS**”; and

10 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “in a combat
 11 theater of operations” and inserting “outside of the
 12 United States”.

13 (b) TRANSPORTATION FOR FAMILY.—The Secretary
 14 of Defense shall revise Department of Defense Instruction
 15 1300.18 to extend travel privileges via Invitational Travel
 16 Authorization to family members of members of the
 17 Armed Forces who die outside of the United States and
 18 whose remains are returned to the United States through
 19 the mortuary facility at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware.

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