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H. R. 1633

To amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize a member of the Armed Forces to designate anyone as the person authorized to direct disposition of the remains of the member if the member dies while on active duty.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 19, 2009

Mr. COHEN (for himself, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Ms. WATSON, and Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Honor the Written Intent of our Soldier Heroes Act” or “Honor the WISH Act”.

SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT DISPOSITION OF REMAINS OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

Section 1482(c) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “Only the” in the matter preceding paragraph (1) and inserting “The”;

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (4) as paragraphs (2)

through (5), respectively;

(3) in paragraph (5), as so redesignated, by striking “clauses (1)–(3)” and inserting “paragraphs (1) through (4)”; and

(4) by inserting before paragraph (2), as so redesignated, the following new paragraph:

“(1) The person identified by the decedent on the record of emergency data maintained by the Secretary concerned (DD Form 93 or any successor to that form), as the Person Authorized to Direct Disposition (PADD), regardless of the relationship of the designee to the decedent.”.
