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Sponsor Statement HJR 31

"Urging the United States Congress to pass the Honor the Written Intent of our Soldier Heroes Act."

HJR 31 expresses the Alaska's support for H.R. 1633; a congressional bill entitled *Honor the WISH Act*. This bill would allow our troops to designate people other than their immediate family members to oversee their disposition if they are killed in the line of duty. Current law prohibits the members of our armed forces from authorizing non-relatives to make their funeral arrangements.

Members of the Armed Services fill out a DD93 Form to designate who will direct disposition of the member's remains if they die in active duty. However, current law only allows them to designate a spouse, blood relatives, or adoptive parents. Some of our service members need someone who does not fall into these categories to bear that responsibility, but are prohibited by federal law to do so. The Honor the Wish Act would allow servicemen and women to designate whomever they want to direct disposition.

An example of the need for this legislation is as follows:

Specialist Christopher T. Fox, of Tennessee served in Bravo Company, 1st of the 68th Combined Arms Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division. He served with them in combat in Iraq from 2005 – 2006, and again in 2007. On 29 September 2008 Specialist Fox was killed in action in Baghdad; his DD93 specified Amy Frost, his mother figure, as the person to handle the disposition of his remains. JAG concluded that Amy Frost wasn't legally eligible under the current law to be the designee, and overturned Specialist Christopher Fox's last wishes. Christopher Fox had been born to other parents, his mother had since passed, and his step father and step brother kicked him out of their home at 17. Amy Frost, one of Christopher's high school teachers saw potential in the young man and took him into her home; she was there for him when he enlisted and supported him through his military career. On September 29, 2008 she lost a young man who thought of her as a mother. A few days later, she lost him again when JAG awarded his less than desirable step father and brother custody over his remains. Amy Frost wanted Specialist Fox buried in a Veterans cemetery in Knoxville, near her home, where even strangers could know he was an American Hero, and his grave would never go unobserved; instead he was laid to rest in a public cemetery in Memphis.

H.R. 1633 supports our troops and their dying wishes. Passing HJR 31 will be a very meaningful way for Alaska to continue supporting our military while they are in combat.

FISCAL NOTE

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 Title HJR 31SUPPORT SOLDIERS' BURIAL DESIGNATIONS RDU _____
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Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2010	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES								
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()								
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF								
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts								
TOTAL		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2009) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

ANALYSIS: *(Attach a separate page if necessary)*

Prepared by: House Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee Phone _____
 Division _____ Date/Time _____
 Approved by: Representative Carl Gatto Date 4/7/2009



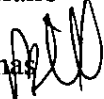
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Memorandum

April 1, 2009

To: Representative Carl Gatto, Chair
Military and Veterans Affairs

From: Representative Bill Thomas 

Subject: Request to Schedule HJR 31 for a Hearing

I respectfully request the scheduling of HJR 31, "Urging the United States Congress to pass the Honor the Written Intent of our Soldier Heroes Act," for a hearing before the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee at your earliest convenience.

Please contact Josh Tempel, staff person for the Joint Alaska State Legislative Veterans' Caucus, with any questions on the details of this bill. Josh's phone number is 465-4066.

Please find attached pertinent information for the committee.

Thank you.

Attachments

RECORD OF EMERGENCY DATA

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: 5 USC 552, 10 USC 655, 1475 to 1480 and 2771, 38 USC 1970, 44 USC 3101, and EO 9397 (SSN).

PRINCIPAL PURPOSES: This form is used by military personnel and Department of Defense civilian and contractor personnel, collectively referred to as civilians, when applicable. For military personnel, it is used to designate beneficiaries for certain benefits in the event of the Service member's death. It is also a guide for disposition of that member's pay and allowances if captured, missing or interned. It also shows names and addresses of the person(s) the Service member desires to be notified in case of emergency or death. For civilian personnel, it is used to expedite the notification process in the event of an emergency and/or the death of the member. The purpose of soliciting the SSN is to provide positive identification. All items may not be applicable.

ROUTINE USES: None.

DISCLOSURE: Voluntary; however, failure to provide accurate personal identifier information and other solicited information will delay notification and the processing of benefits to designated beneficiaries if applicable.

INSTRUCTIONS TO SERVICE MEMBER

This extremely important form is to be used by you to show the names and addresses of your spouse, children, parents, and any other person(s) you would like notified if you become a casualty (other family members or fiancé), and, to designate beneficiaries for certain benefits if you die. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to keep your Record of Emergency Data up to date to show your desires as to beneficiaries to receive certain death payments, and to show changes in your family or other personnel listed, for example, as a result of marriage, civil court action, death, or address change.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CIVILIANS

This extremely important form is to be used by you to show the names and addresses of your spouse, children, parents, and any other person(s) you would like notified if you become a casualty. Not every item on this form is applicable to you. This form is used by the Department of Defense (DoD) to expedite notification in the case of emergencies or death. It does not have a legal impact on other forms you may have completed with the DoD or your employer.

IMPORTANT: This form is divided into two sections: Section 1 - Emergency Contact Information and Section 2 - Benefits Related Information. READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGES 3 AND 4 BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM.

SECTION 1 - EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

1. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		2. SSN	
3a. SERVICE/CIVILIAN CATEGORY <input type="checkbox"/> ARMY <input type="checkbox"/> NAVY <input type="checkbox"/> MARINE CORPS <input type="checkbox"/> AIR FORCE <input type="checkbox"/> DoD <input type="checkbox"/> CIVILIAN <input type="checkbox"/> CONTRACTOR			b. REPORTING UNIT CODE/DUTY STATION
4a. SPOUSE NAME (If applicable) (Last, First, Middle Initial) <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED		b. ADDRESS (Include ZIP Code) AND TELEPHONE NUMBER	
5. CHILDREN a. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	b. RELATIONSHIP	c. DATE OF BIRTH (YYYYMMDD)	d. ADDRESS (Include ZIP Code) AND TELEPHONE NUMBER
6a. FATHER NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	b. ADDRESS (Include ZIP Code) AND TELEPHONE NUMBER		
7a. MOTHER NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	b. ADDRESS (Include ZIP Code) AND TELEPHONE NUMBER		
8a. DO NOT NOTIFY DUE TO ILL HEALTH	b. NOTIFY INSTEAD		
9a. DESIGNATED PERSON(S) (Military only)		b. ADDRESS (Include ZIP Code) AND TELEPHONE NUMBER	
10. CONTRACTING AGENCY AND TELEPHONE NUMBER (Contractors only)			

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING DD FORM 93

(See appropriate Service Directives for supplemental instructions for completion of this form at other than MEPS)

All entries explained below are for electronic or typewriter completion, except those specifically noted. If a computer or typewriter is not available, print in black or blue-black ink insuring a legible image on all copies. Include "Jr.," "Sr.," "III" or similar designation for each name, if applicable. When an address is entered, include the appropriate ZIP Code. If the member cannot provide a current address, indicate "unknown" in the appropriate item. Addresses shown as P.O. Box Numbers or RFD numbers should indicate in Item 14, "Continuations/Remarks", a street address or general guidance to reach the place of residence. In addition, the notation "See Item 14" should be included in the item pertaining to the particular next of kin or when the space for a particular item is insufficient. If the address for the person in the item has been shown in a preceding item, it is unnecessary to repeat the address; however, the name must be entered. Those items that are considered not applicable to civilians will be left blank.

ITEM 1. Enter full last name, first name, and middle initial.

ITEM 2. Enter social security number (SSN).

ITEM 3a. Service. **Military:** Mark X in appropriate block. **Civilian:** Mark two blocks as appropriate. Examples: an Army civilian would mark Army and either Civilian or Contractor; a DoD civilian, without affiliation to one of the Military Services, would mark DoD and then either Civilian or Contractor as appropriate.

ITEM 3b. Reporting Unit Code/Duty Station. See Service Directives.

ITEM 4a. Spouse Name. Enter last name (if different from Item 1), first name and middle initial on the line provided. If single, divorced, or widowed, mark appropriate block.

ITEM 4b. Address and Telephone Number. Enter the "actual" address and telephone number, not the mailing address. Include civilian title or military rank and service if applicable. If one of the blocks in 4a is marked, leave blank.

ITEM 5a-d. Children. Enter last name (only if different from Item 1) first name and middle initial, relationship, and date of birth of all children. If none, so state. Include illegitimate children if acknowledged by member or paternity/maternity has been judicially decreed. Relationship examples: son, daughter, stepson or daughter, adopted son or daughter or ward. Date of birth example: 19950704. For children not living with the member's current spouse, include address and name and relationship of person with whom residing in item 5d.

ITEM 6a. Father Name. Last name, first name and middle initial.

ITEM 6b. Address and Telephone Number of Father. If unknown or deceased, so state. Include civilian title or military rank and service if applicable. If other than natural father is listed, indicate relationship

ITEM 7a. Mother Name. Last name, first name and middle initial.

ITEM 7b. Address and Telephone Number of Mother. If unknown or deceased, so state. Include civilian title or military rank and service if applicable. If other than natural mother is listed, indicate relationship.

ITEM 8. Persons Not to be Notified Due to Ill Health.

a. List relationship, e.g., "Mother," of person(s) listed in Items 4, 5, 6, or 7 who are not to be notified of a casualty due to ill health. If more than one child, specify, e.g., "daughter Susan." Otherwise, enter "None".

b. List relationship, e.g., "Father" or name and address of person(s) to be notified in lieu of person(s) listed in item 8a. If "None" is entered in Item 8a, leave blank.

ITEM 9a. This item will be used to record the name of the person or persons, if any, other than the member's primary next of kin or immediate family, to whom information on the whereabouts and status of the member shall be provided if the member is placed in a missing status. Reference 10 USC, Section 655. **NOT APPLICABLE to civilians.**

ITEM 9b. Address and telephone number of Designated Person(s). **NOT APPLICABLE to civilians.**

ITEM 10. Contracting Agency and Telephone Number (**Contractors only**). **NOT APPLICABLE to military personnel.** Civilian contractors will provide the name of their contracting agency and its telephone number. Example: XYZ Electric, (703) 555-5689. The telephone number should be to the company or corporation's personnel or human resources office.

ITEM 11a. Beneficiary(ies) for Death Gratuity (**Military only**). Enter first name(s), middle initial, and last name(s) of the person(s) to receive death gratuity pay. A member may designate one or more persons to receive all or a portion of the death gratuity pay. The designation of a person to receive a portion of the amount shall indicate the percentage of the amount, to be specified only in 10 percent increments, that the person may receive. If the member does not wish to designate a beneficiary for the payment of death gratuity, enter "None," or if the full amount is not designated, the payment or balance will be paid as follows:

- (1) To the surviving spouse of the person, if any;
- (2) To any surviving children of the person and the descendants of any deceased children by representation;
- (3) To the surviving parents or the survivor of them;
- (4) To the duly appointed executor or administrator of the estate of the person;
- (5) If there are none of the above, to other next of kin of the person entitled under the laws of domicile of the person at the time of the person's death.

The member should make specific designations, as it expedites payment.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING DD FORM 93

(Continued)

ITEM 11a. (Continued) Seek legal advice if naming a minor child as a beneficiary. If a member has a spouse but designates a person other than the spouse to receive all or a portion of the death gratuity pay, the Service concerned is required to provide notice of the designation to the spouse. **NOT APPLICABLE to civilians.**

Item 11b. Relationship. **NOT APPLICABLE to civilians.**

ITEM 11c. Enter beneficiary(ies) full mailing address and telephone number to include the ZIP Code. **NOT APPLICABLE to civilians.**

ITEM 11d. Show the percentage to be paid to each person. Enter 10%, 20%, 30%, up to 100% as appropriate. The sum shares must equal 100 percent. If no percent is indicated and more than one person is named, the money is paid in equal shares to the persons named. **NOT APPLICABLE to civilians.**

ITEM 12a. Beneficiary(ies) for Unpaid Pay/Allowance (**Military only**). Enter first name(s), middle initial, last name(s) and relationship of person to receive unpaid pay and allowances at the time of death. The member may indicate anyone to receive this payment. If the member designated two or more beneficiaries, state the percentage to be paid each in item 10c. If the member does not wish to designate a beneficiary, enter "By Law." The member is urged to designate a beneficiary for unpaid pay and allowances as payment will be made to the person in order of precedence by law (10 USC 2771) in the absence of a designation. Seek legal advice if naming a minor child as beneficiary. **NOT APPLICABLE to civilians.**

ITEM 12b. Enter beneficiary(ies) full mailing address and telephone number to include the ZIP Code. **NOT APPLICABLE to civilians.**

ITEM 12c. If the member designated two or more beneficiaries, state the percentage to be paid each in this section. The sum shares must equal 100 percent. **NOT APPLICABLE to civilians.**

ITEM 13a. Enter the name and relationship of the Person Authorized to Direct Disposition (PADD) of your remains should you become a casualty. Only the following persons may be named as a PADD: surviving spouse, blood relative of legal age, or adoptive relatives of the decedent. If neither of these three can be found, a person standing in loco parentis may be named. **NOT APPLICABLE to civilians.**

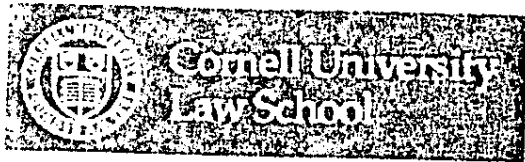
ITEM 13b. Address and telephone number of PADD. **NOT APPLICABLE to civilians.**

ITEM 14. Continuations/Remarks. Use this item for remarks or continuation of other items, if necessary. Prefix entry with the number of the item being continued; for example, 5/John J./son/ 19851220/321 Pecan Drive, Schertz TX 78151. Also use this item to list name, address, and relationship of other persons the member desires to be notified. Other dependents may also be listed. This block offers the greatest amount of flexibility for the member to record other important information not otherwise requested but considered extremely useful in the casualty notification and assistance process. Besides continuing information from other blocks on this form, the member may desire to include additional information such as: NOK language barriers, location or existence of a Will, additional private insurance information, other family member contact numbers, etc. If additional space is required, attach a supplemental sheet of standard bond paper with the information.

ITEM 15. Signature of Service Member/Civilian. Check and verify all entries and sign all copies in ink as follows: First name, middle initial, last name. Include rank, rate, or grade if applicable. May be electronically signed (see DoD Instruction 1300.18 for guidelines).

ITEM 16. Signature of Witness. Have a witness (disinterested person) sign all copies in ink as follows: First name, middle initial, last name. Include rank, rate, or grade as appropriate. A witness signature is not required for electronic versions of the DD Form 93 (see DoD Instruction 1300.18).

ITEM 17. Date the member or civilian signs the form. This item is an ink entry and must be completed on all copies.



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TITLE 10 > Subtitle A > PART II > CHAPTER 75 > SUBCHAPTER II > § 1482

§ 1482. Expenses incident to death

(a) Incident to the recovery, care, and

disposition of the remains of any decedent covered by section 1481 of this title, the Secretary concerned may pay the necessary expenses of the following:

- (1) Recovery and identification of the remains.
- (2) Notification to the next of kin or other appropriate person.
- (3) Preparation of the remains for burial, including cremation if requested by the person designated to direct disposition of the remains.
- (4) Furnishing of a uniform or other clothing.
- (5) Furnishing of a casket or urn, or both, with outside box.
- (6) Hearse service.
- (7) Funeral director's services.
- (8) Transportation of the remains, and roundtrip transportation and prescribed allowances for an escort of one person, to the place selected by the person designated to direct disposition of the remains or, if such a selection is not made, to a national or other cemetery which is selected by the Secretary and in which burial of the decedent is authorized.
- (9) Interment of the remains.
- (10) Presentation of a flag of the United States to the person designated to direct disposition of the remains, except in the case of a military prisoner who dies while in the custody of the Secretary and while under a sentence that includes a discharge.
- (11) Presentation of a flag of equal size to the flag presented under paragraph (10) to the parents or parent, if the person to be presented a flag under paragraph (10) is other than the parent of the decedent. For the purpose of this paragraph, the term "parent" includes a natural parent, a stepparent, a parent by adoption or a person who for a period of not less than one year before the death of the decedent stood in loco parentis to him, and preference under this paragraph shall be given to the persons who exercised a parental relationship at the time of, or most nearly before, the death of the decedent.

(b) If an individual pays any expense payable by the United States under this section, the Secretary concerned shall reimburse him or his representative in an amount not larger than that normally incurred by the Secretary in furnishing the supply or service

concerned. If reimbursement by the United States is also authorized under another provision of law or regulation, the individual may elect under which provision to be reimbursed.

(c) Only the following persons may be designated to direct disposition of the remains of a decedent covered by this chapter:

- (1) The surviving spouse of the decedent.
- (2) Blood relatives of the decedent.
- (3) Adoptive relatives of the decedent.
- (4) If no person covered by clauses (1)-(3) can be found, a person standing in loco parentis to the decedent.

(d) When the remains of a decedent covered by section 1481 of this title, whose death occurs after January 1, 1961, are determined to be nonrecoverable, the person who would have been designated under subsection (c) to direct disposition of the remains if they had been recovered may be—

- (1) presented with a flag of the United States; however, if the person designated by subsection (c) is other than a parent of the deceased member, a flag of equal size may also be presented to the parents, and
- (2) reimbursed by the Secretary concerned for the necessary expenses of a memorial service.

However, the amount of the reimbursement shall be determined in the manner prescribed in subsection (b) for an interment, but may not be larger than that authorized when the United States provides the grave site. A claim for reimbursement under this subsection may be allowed only if it is presented within two years after the date of death or the date the person who would have been designated under subsection (c) to direct disposition of the remains, if they had been recovered, receives notification that the member has been reported or determined to be dead under authority of chapter 10 of title 37, whichever is later.

(e) The Secretary concerned may pay the necessary expenses for the presentation of a flag to the person designated to direct the disposition of the remains of a member of the Reserve of an armed force under his jurisdiction who dies under honorable circumstances as determined by the Secretary and who is not covered by section 1481 of this title if, at the time of such member's death, he—

- (1) was a member of the Ready Reserve; or
- (2) had performed at least twenty years of service as computed under section 12732 of this title and was not entitled to retired pay under section 12731 of this title.

(f) The payment of expenses incident to the recovery, care, and disposition of a decedent covered by section 1481 (a)(9) of this title is limited to the payment of expenses described in paragraphs (1) through (5) of subsection (a) and air transportation of the remains from a location outside the United States to a point of entry in the United States. Such air transportation may be provided without reimbursement on a space-available basis in military or military-chartered aircraft. The Secretary concerned shall pay all other expenses authorized to be paid under this subsection only on a reimbursable basis. Amounts reimbursed to the Secretary concerned under this subsection shall be credited to appropriations available, at the

time of reimbursement, for the payment of such expenses.

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**CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31(MLV)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Offered:

Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES THOMAS, Dahlstrom

A RESOLUTION

1 **Urging the United States Congress to pass the Honor the Written Intent of our Soldier**
2 **Heroes Act.**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **WHEREAS** federal law under 10 U.S.C. 1482(c) prohibits a service member from
5 designating a person other than a surviving spouse, blood relative, or adoptive relative to
6 direct the disposal of a service member's remains; and

7 **WHEREAS**, before deploying on a combat operation, a service member is asked to
8 designate a person who will be responsible for arranging the service member's memorial
9 services and overseeing the service member's burial arrangements; and

10 **WHEREAS** service members fill out DD Form 93, on which they express their last
11 wishes with the expectation that their last wishes regarding memorial services and burial
12 arrangements will be honored; and

13 **WHEREAS**, since 2003, more than 4,000 service members who have served
14 honorably have given their lives in combat; and

15 **WHEREAS** a service member deploying on a combat operation in defense of our
16 country should be allowed to designate any person the service member wishes to direct the

1 disposition of the service member's remains; and

2 **WHEREAS** H.R. 1633, the Honor the Written Intent of our Soldier Heroes Act, also
3 referred to as the Honor the WISH Act, amends 10 U.S.C. 1482(c) to allow a service member
4 to designate any person the service member wishes to direct the disposition of the service
5 member's remains, regardless of the designated person's relationship to the service member;

6 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States
7 Congress to pass H.R. 1633, the "Honor the Written Intent of our Soldier Heroes Act."

8 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Pete Geren, United States
9 Secretary of the Army; the Honorable Donald C. Winter, United States Secretary of the Navy;
10 the Honorable Michael B. Donley, United States Secretary of the Air Force; the Honorable
11 Sarah Palin, Governor of Alaska; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable
12 Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of
13 the Alaska delegation in Congress.

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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. ROHRBACHER, Ms. WATSON, and Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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.

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.”.
