

HR 2586

To prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from authorizing honor guards to participate in funerals of veterans interred in national cemeteries unless the honor guards may offer veterans' families the option of having the honor guard perform a 13-fold flag recitation, and for other purposes.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	May 22, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 21, 2009)

Prohibits the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) from authorizing an honor guard to participate in the funeral of any veteran interred in a national cemetery under the control of the National Cemetery Administration unless the honor guard offers to the family of each veteran in whose funeral the honor guard chooses to participate the option of having it perform one of the 13-fold flag recitations.

Expresses the sense of Congress that 13-fold flag recitations are a historical tradition and that it should be the policy of the VA to authorize honor guards to participate in the funerals of veterans and proactively offer such a recitation to each veteran's family.

Actions Timeline

- **May 22, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **May 21, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **May 21, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.