

HR 6456

To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disinter the remains of Fernando V. Cota from Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Texas, and for other purposes.

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Dec 4, 2025

Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Dec 4, 2025)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/6456>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Luttrell, Morgan [R-TX-8]

Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Gonzales, Tony [R-TX-23]	R · TX		Dec 4, 2025
Rep. Self, Keith [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Dec 4, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 4, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 S 1071	Identical bill	Dec 18, 2025: Became Public Law No: 119-60.

Summary (as of Dec 4, 2025)

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to disinter the remains of Fernando V. Cota from Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Texas, after notifying his next of kin. The VA must relinquish the remains to the next of kin or, if no next of kin responds to the notification, arrange for the disposition of the remains. Cota was interred prior to the enactment of regulations that would have barred his interment due to a 1975 rape conviction.

Actions Timeline

- Dec 4, 2025:** Introduced in House
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