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H.B. No. 3438

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the persons buried in the state cemetery.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4 SECTION 1. Chapter 2165.256, Government Code, is amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (d) Persons eligible for burial in the State Cemetery are:

7 (1) a former member of the legislature or a member who  
8 dies in office;

9 (2) a former elective state official or an elective  
10 state official who dies in office;

11 (3) a former state official or a state official who  
12 dies in office who has been appointed by the governor and confirmed  
13 by the senate and who served at least 12 years in the office to which  
14 appointed;

15 (4) a person specified by a governor's proclamation,  
16 subject to review and approval by the committee under Subsection  
17 (e);

18 (5) a person specified by a concurrent resolution  
19 adopted by the legislature and signed by the governor, subject to  
20 review and approval by the committee under Subsection (e); and

21 (6) a person specified by order of the committee under  
22 Subsection (e).

23 (e) The committee shall review proclamations under  
24 Subsection (d)(4) and resolutions under Subsection (d)(5). A

1 person specified in a proclamation or resolution is eligible for  
2 burial in the State Cemetery only if the committee, following its  
3 review, finds that the person specified made a significant  
4 contribution to Texas history and only if, based on that finding,  
5 the committee approves the person's burial in the cemetery. The  
6 committee may by order authorize a burial under Subsection (d)(6)  
7 only if the committee finds that the person made a significant  
8 contribution to Texas history.

9 SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.