

# U.S. Senate could approve Henson's burial in Arlington

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The U. S. Senate is considering a bill which proposes that explorer Matthew A. Henson's remains be buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Va.

The Senate Bill 3349, introduced on May 25 by Maryland Senator J. Glenn Beall, has been read twice and is referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

The second one of its kind, it was originally introduced by Sen. Beall in 1960 but received no action.

Mr. Henson died March 9, 1955 in New York City at the age of 88. A native of Nanjemoy, Charles County, Md., he accompanied Adm. Richard

Perry to discover the North Pole on April 6, 1909.

It was his last hope that he be buried beside Adm. Peary in Arlington, but because he had no military record he was buried in a New York cemetery.

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MR. HENSON has received many honors due to the consistent efforts over 40 years by Baltimore retired history teacher, Herbert Frisby.

Among them is the memorial plaque hung in the Maryland State House at Annapolis during state ceremonies on Nov. 18, 1961 through Mr. Frisby's arrangements.

To bring Mr. Henson's last request into reality, his burial beside Adam. Peary, Mr. Frisby first approached Theodore R. McKeldin when he was governor of Maryland.

Mr. McKeldin in turn referred the request to President Eisenhower. The chief executive replied that an act establishing eligibility for burial in national cemeteries excludes non - military persons.

Mr. Eisenhower said, although Presidential order could accomplish the Arlington burial, he preferred that it be done by Congressional order.