

[H.R. 979, To designate a mountain in the John Muir Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest as “Sky Point”](#)

FLOOR SITUATION

On Monday, June 1, 2015, the House will consider [H.R. 979](#), a bill to designate a mountain in the John Muir Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest as “Sky Point,” under suspension of the rules. H.R. 979 was introduced on February 13, 2015, by Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA) and was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, which ordered the bill reported by unanimous consent on March 25, 2015.

SUMMARY

H.R. 979 designates an unnamed mountain in the John Muir Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest in California as “Sky Point,” to honor Marine Staff Sergeant Sky Mote.

BACKGROUND

Sky Mote grew up in El Dorado, California, just a few hours’ drive from the John Muir Wilderness in east-central California. Upon high school graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps (USMC).

Rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant, Mr. Mote served in the USMC for nine years. Staff Sergeant Mote’s service included one tour in Iraq and two in Afghanistan. He gave his life to protect fellow Marines in the Helmand province of Afghanistan on August 10, 2012, by decisively rushing into action during an attack by a rogue Afghan policeman inside the base perimeter.

Throughout his military career, Staff Sergeant Mote was awarded the Navy Cross, a Purple Heart, the Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and two Combat Action Ribbons, among other awards and recognitions.

The mountain in question is in the center of the Humphrey Basin within the John Muir Wilderness. Currently unnamed, it holds special meaning to the friends and family of Staff Sergeant Mote because they camp beneath its peak on their annual hunting trips. H.R. 979 honors Staff Sergeant Mote who

paid the ultimate sacrifice, recognizing his service to his country, faithfully executed to his last, full measure of devotion.

COST

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) [estimates](#) that enacting this legislation would have no significant effect on the federal budget and would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

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