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**Washington D.C.** – This Wednesday, Congressman Duncan Hunter will appear before the House Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands to provide testimony on H.R. 290, the War Memorial Protection Act. Hunter introduced the legislation—which allows for the inclusion of religious symbols on war memorials—in response to a recent ruling by the Ninth Circuit declaring the Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial unconstitutional.

“I appreciate the chance to appear before my colleagues to highlight the necessity for legislation to protect war memorials with religious symbols,” said Hunter. “Any war memorial on federal property deserves protection. It shouldn’t matter what religious symbol a memorial shows. What’s important is paying tribute to America’s veterans and fallen heroes by honoring their tradition, service and faith.”

The House Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands will meet on May 4th at 10 AM ET, in room 1334 of the Longworth House Office Building.