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**Washington, D.C.**—Today, Congressman Duncan Hunter made the following statement after the Supreme Court decided not to immediately consider the constitutionality of the Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial in San Diego:

“This ruling by the Court is not a final judgment. The Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial will return to the lower courts and, as Justice Alito said in his statement, ‘it remains unclear precisely what action the federal government will be required to take.’”

“The Supreme Court passed on an immediate opportunity to settle this issue once and for all. But, in the process, the Court continues to leave open the possibility that it will accept the case and make a constitutional determination in the future. That is good news overall.

“There are still issues that need to be settled, and this case will continue to be watched closely in the interest of preserving such a historic memorial that pays tribute to the service and sacrifice of America’s veterans.”