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To authorize the American Battle Monuments Commission to establish a memorial, in the District of Columbia or its environs, to honor members of the Armed Forces who served in World War II, and to commemorate the participation of the United States in that war.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 27, 1993

Ms. KAPTUR (for herself, Mr. MONTGOMERY, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. RAVENEL, Mr. MANN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. DORNAN, Mr. FORD of Michigan, Mr. WYNN, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. TORRES, Mr. KASICH, Ms. BYRNE, Mr. GOSS, Mr. ANDREWS of Texas, Mr. BACCHUS of Florida, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. SARPALIUS, Mr. COYNE, Mr. BROWDER, Mr. WILSON, Mr. BLACKWELL, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. PORTER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. PAYNE of Virginia, Mr. WHEAT, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. FROST, Mr. HUGHES, Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. SLATTERY, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. CHAPMAN, Mr. SANGMEISTER, and Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

To authorize the American Battle Monuments Commission to establish a memorial, in the District of Columbia or its environs, to honor members of the Armed Forces who served in World War II, and to commemorate the participation of the United States in that war.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH MEMORIAL.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The American Battle Monuments
3 Commission (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the
4 “Commission”) is authorized to establish a memorial on
5 Federal land in the District of Columbia or its environs
6 to honor members of the Armed Forces who served in
7 World War II and to commemorate the participation of
8 the United States in that war.

9 (b) COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS FOR COMMEMO-
10 RATIVE WORKS.—The establishment of the memorial shall
11 be in accordance with the Act entitled “An Act to provide
12 standards for placement of commemorative works on cer-
13 tain Federal lands in the District of Columbia and its en-
14 virons, and for other purposes” approved November 14,
15 1986 (40 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

16 (c) HANDICAPPED ACCESS.—The plan, design, con-
17 struction, and operation of the memorial pursuant to this
18 section shall provide for accessibility by, and accommoda-
19 tions for, the physically handicapped.

20 **SEC. 2. ADVISORY BOARD.**

21 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD.—There is hereby
22 established a World War II Memorial Advisory Board,
23 consisting of 12 members, who shall be appointed by the
24 President from among veterans of World War II, histo-
25 rians of World War II, and representatives of veterans or-

1 ganizations, historical associations, and groups knowledgeable
2 able about World War II.

3 (b) APPOINTMENTS.—Members of the Board shall be
4 appointed not later than 3 months after the date of the
5 enactment of this Act and shall serve for the life of the
6 Board. The President shall make appointments to fill such
7 vacancies as may occur on the Board.

8 (c) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD.—The Board
9 shall—

10 (1) in the manner specified by the Commission,
11 promote establishment of the memorial and encourage
12 donation of private contributions for the memorial; and
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14 (2) upon the request of the Commission, advise
15 the Commission on the site and design for the memorial.
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17 (d) SUNSET.—The Board shall cease to exist on the
18 last day of the third month after the month in which the
19 memorial is completed or the month of the expiration of
20 the authority for the memorial under section 10(b) of the
21 Act referred to in section 1(b), whichever first occurs.

22 **SEC. 3. PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS.**

23 The American Battle Monuments Commission shall
24 solicit and accept private contributions for the memorial.

1 **SEC. 4. FUND IN THE TREASURY FOR THE MEMORIAL.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is hereby created in the
3 Treasury a fund which shall be available to the American
4 Battle Monuments Commission for the expenses of estab-
5 lishing the memorial. The fund shall consist of—

6 (1) amounts deposited, and interest and pro-
7 ceeds credited, under subsection (b);

8 (2) obligations obtained under subsection (c);
9 and

10 (3) the amount of surcharges paid to the Com-
11 mission for the memorial under the World War II
12 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coins Act.

13 (b) DEPOSITS AND CREDITS.—The Chairman of the
14 Commission shall deposit in the fund the amounts accept-
15 ed as contributions under section 3. The Secretary of the
16 Treasury shall credit to the fund the interest on, and the
17 proceeds from sale or redemption of, obligations held in
18 the fund.

19 (c) OBLIGATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury
20 shall invest any portion of the fund that, as determined
21 by the Chairman of the Commission, is not required to
22 meet current expenses. Each investment shall be made in
23 an interest bearing obligation of the United States or an
24 obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the
25 United States that, as determined by the Chairman of the
26 Commission, has a maturity suitable for the fund.

1 (d) ABOLITION.—Upon the final settlement of the ac-
2 counts of the fund, the Secretary of the Treasury shall
3 submit to the Congress a draft of legislation (including
4 technical and conforming provisions) recommended by the
5 Secretary for the abolition of the fund.

6 **SEC. 5. DEPOSIT OF EXCESS FUNDS.**

7 If, upon payment of all expenses of the establishment
8 of the memorial (including the maintenance and preserva-
9 tion amount provided for in section 8(b) of the Act re-
10 ferred to in section 1(b)), or upon expiration of the author-
11 ity for the memorial under section 10(b) of that Act, there
12 remains a balance in the fund created by section 4, the
13 Chairman of the American Battle Monuments Commission
14 shall transmit the amount of the balance to the Secretary
15 of the Treasury for deposit in the account provided for
16 in section 8(b)(1) of that Act.

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