

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5545

To designate a Prisoner of War/Missing in Action National Memorial at  
Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California.

---

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 3, 2002

Mr. CALVERT (for himself, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mrs. BONO, and Mr. BACA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

---

## A BILL

To designate a Prisoner of War/Missing in Action National  
Memorial at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside,  
California.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Prisoner of War/Miss-  
5 ing in Action National Memorial Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF PRISONER OF WAR/MISSING IN**  
2 **ACTION NATIONAL MEMORIAL, RIVERSIDE**  
3 **NATIONAL CEMETERY, RIVERSIDE, CALI-**  
4 **FORNIA.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

6 (1) The most reliable statistics regarding the  
7 number of members of the United States Armed  
8 Forces who have been held as prisoners of war or  
9 listed as missing in action indicate that more than  
10 586,000 members of the Armed Forces have been  
11 taken prisoner since the American Revolution and  
12 more than 89,000 members have been listed as miss-  
13 ing.

14 (2) The Department of Defense continues to lo-  
15 cate and identify the remains of members of the  
16 Armed Forces who have been missing in action since  
17 the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

18 (3) The United States currently lacks a na-  
19 tional memorial dedicated to the bravery and sac-  
20 rifice of those members of the Armed Forces who  
21 have been held as prisoners of war or listed as miss-  
22 ing in action.

23 (4) An appropriate memorial to former pris-  
24 oners of war and members of the Armed Forces list-  
25 ed as missing in action, including those who remain

1 unaccounted for, is under construction at Riverside  
2 National Cemetery in Riverside, California.

3 (5) The memorial will honor all those members  
4 of the Armed Forces who have been held as pris-  
5 oners of war or listed as missing in action and is  
6 dedicated to the memory of those members who re-  
7 main missing in action.

8 (b) DESIGNATION.—The memorial to former pris-  
9 oners of war and members of the Armed Forces listed as  
10 missing in action that is under construction at Riverside  
11 National Cemetery in Riverside, California, is hereby des-  
12 ignated as the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action National  
13 Memorial.

14 (c) EFFECT OF DESIGNATION.—The national memo-  
15 rial designated by this section is not a unit of the National  
16 Park System, and the designation of the national memo-  
17 rial shall not be construed to require or permit Federal  
18 funds (other than any funds provided for as of the date  
19 of the enactment of this Act) to be expended for any pur-  
20 pose related to the national memorial.

○