108TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. R. 2206

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 22, 2003

Mr. Calvert (for himself, Mr. Lewis of California, Mrs. Bono, Mr. Issa, 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 and listed as
22	missing in action.
23	(4) An appropriate memorial to former pris-
24	oners of war and members of the Armed Forces list-

ed as missing in action, including those who remain

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- 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.
- (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.

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