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# H. R. 320

To designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 19, 2011

Mr. CALVERT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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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 “Distinguished Flying  
5 Cross National Memorial Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS**

7 **NATIONAL MEMORIAL IN RIVERSIDE, CALI-**  
8 **FORNIA.**

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

1           (1) The most reliable statistics regarding the  
2           number of members of the Armed Forces who have  
3           been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross indi-  
4           cate that 126,318 members of the Armed Forces re-  
5           ceived the medal during World War II, approxi-  
6           mately 21,000 members received the medal during  
7           the Korean conflict, and 21,647 members received  
8           the medal during the Vietnam War. Since the end  
9           of the Vietnam War, more than 203 Armed Forces  
10          members have received the medal in times of con-  
11          flict.

12          (2) The National Personnel Records Center in  
13          St. Louis, Missouri, burned down in 1973, and thus  
14          many more recipients of the Distinguished Flying  
15          Cross may be undocumented. Currently, the Depart-  
16          ment of Defense continues to locate and identify  
17          members of the Armed Forces who have received the  
18          medal and are undocumented.

19          (3) The United States currently lacks a na-  
20          tional memorial dedicated to the bravery and sac-  
21          rifice of those members of the Armed Forces who  
22          have distinguished themselves by heroic deeds per-  
23          formed in aerial flight.

24          (4) An appropriate memorial to current and  
25          former members of the Armed Forces is under con-

1       struction at March Field Air Museum in Riverside,  
2       California.

3               (5) This memorial will honor all those members  
4       of the Armed Forces who have distinguished them-  
5       selves in aerial flight, whether documentation of  
6       such members who earned the Distinguished Flying  
7       Cross exists or not.

8       (b) DESIGNATION.—The memorial to members of the  
9       Armed Forces who have been awarded the Distinguished  
10      Flying Cross, located at March Field Air Museum in Riv-  
11      erside, California, is hereby designated as the Distin-  
12      guished Flying Cross National Memorial.

13      (c) EFFECT OF DESIGNATION.—The national memo-  
14      rial designated by this section is not a unit of the National  
15      Park System, and the designation of the national memo-  
16      rial shall not be construed to require or permit Federal  
17      funds to be expended for any purpose related to the na-  
18      tional memorial.

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