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H. R. 4446

To designate the POW/MIA Memorial and Museum in Jacksonville, Florida, as the National POW/MIA Memorial and Museum, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

Mr. LAWSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. SOTO, Mr. DUNN, Mr. SPANO, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. YOHO, and Mr. WALTZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “National POW/MIA
5 Memorial and Museum Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The POW/MIA Memorial and Museum is a
2 civic landmark and cultural institution being built as
3 of the date of the enactment of this Act in Jackson-
4 ville, Florida, to honor, connect, inspire, and educate
5 all people about the 142,000 members of the Armed
6 Forces who have been captured as prisoners of war
7 since World War II and the 82,000 members of the
8 Armed Forces who are currently missing in action or
9 unaccounted for since World War II.

10 (2) The POW/MIA Memorial and Museum is
11 the only public museum of its kind operating for the
12 exclusive purpose of honoring all former prisoners of
13 war, those who were missing in action, and those
14 who were unaccounted for.

15 (3) The POW/MIA Memorial and Museum will
16 share the stories of such individuals, showcase the
17 history of the POW/MIA logo, the history of the
18 Naval Air Station Cecil Field as a master jet base,
19 and will serve as a facility for the families of mem-
20 bers of the Armed Forces.

21 (4) The POW/MIA Memorial and Museum will
22 attract and educate a diverse group of people
23 through visitor-centered, interactive, participatory
24 exhibits, and will provide a place for educational pro-

1 grams, special events, and activities connecting all
2 generations.

3 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL POW/MIA MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM.**

4 (a) DESIGNATION.—The memorial and museum that
5 is, as of the date of the enactment of this Act, being con-
6 structed on an approximately 26-acre area on POW-MIA
7 Memorial Parkway, Jacksonville, Florida, shall be des-
8 ignated as the “National POW/MIA Memorial and Mu-
9 seum”.

10 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90 days
11 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director
12 of the National POW/MIA Memorial and Museum shall
13 submit to Congress a report including—

14 (1) a budget for the POW/MIA Memorial and
15 Museum for the five-year period beginning on the
16 date the POW/MIA Memorial and Museum is ex-
17 pected to open to the public;

18 (2) a description of the organizational structure
19 of the POW/MIA Memorial and Museum;

20 (3) a copy of any bylaws or rules implemented
21 by the POW/MIA Memorial and Museum; and

22 (4) a list of any organization or entity that has
23 accredited the POW/MIA Memorial and Museum.

24 (c) WITHDRAWAL OF DESIGNATION.—The designa-
25 tion under subsection (a) may be withdrawn if—

1 (1) the POW/MIA Memorial and Museum is
2 not operational in a satisfactory manner on the date
3 that is five years after the date of the enactment of
4 this Act; or

5 (2) the report under subsection (b) is submitted
6 to Congress after the date that is 90 days after the
7 date of the enactment of this Act.

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