

103^D CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1944

To provide for additional development at War in the Pacific National
Historical Park, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 29, 1993

Mr. UNDERWOOD (for himself, Mr. DE LUGO, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MONTGOMERY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. MINK, Mr. RICHARDSON, and Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To provide for additional development at War in the Pacific
National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds that—

5 (1) June 15 through August 10, 1994, marks
6 the 50th anniversary of the Mariana campaign of
7 World War II in which American forces captured the
8 islands of Saipan and Tinian in the Northern Mari-

1 anas and liberated the United States Territory of
2 Guam from Japanese occupation;

3 (2) an attack during this campaign by the Jap-
4 anese Imperial fleet, aimed at countering the Amer-
5 ican forces that had landed on Saipan, led to the
6 battle of the Philippine Sea, which resulted in a
7 crushing defeat for the Japanese by United States
8 naval forces and the destruction of the effectiveness
9 of the Japanese carrier-based airpower;

10 (3) the recapture of Guam liberated one of the
11 few pieces of United States territory that was occu-
12 pied for two and one-half years by the enemy during
13 World War II and restored freedom to the indige-
14 nous Chamorros on Guam who suffered as a result
15 of the Japanese occupation;

16 (4) Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast
17 Guard units distinguished themselves with their he-
18 roic bravery and sacrifice;

19 (5) the Guam Insular Force Guard, the Guam
20 militia, and the people of Guam earned the highest
21 respect for their defense of the island during the
22 Japanese invasion and their resistance during the
23 occupation; their assistance to the American forces
24 as scouts for the American invasion was invaluable;
25 and their role, as members of the Guam Combat Pa-

1 trol, was instrumental in seeking out the remaining
2 Japanese forces and restoring peace to the island;

3 (6) during the occupation, the people of
4 Guam—

5 (A) were forcibly removed from their
6 homes;

7 (B) were relocated to remote sections of
8 the island;

9 (C) were required to perform forced labor
10 and faced other harsh treatment, injustices, and
11 death; and

12 (D) were placed in concentration camps
13 when the American invasion became imminent
14 and were brutalized by their occupiers when the
15 liberation of Guam became apparent to the
16 Japanese;

17 (7) the liberation of the Mariana Islands
18 marked a pivotal point in the Pacific war and led to
19 the American victories at Iwo Jima, Okinawa, the
20 Philippines, Taiwan, and the south China coast, and
21 ultimately against the Japanese home islands;

22 (8) the Mariana Islands of Guam, Saipan, and
23 Tinian provided, for the first time during the war,
24 air bases which allowed land-based American bomb-
25 ers to reach strategic targets in Japan; and

1 (9) the air offensive conducted from the Mari-
2 anas against the Japanese war-making capability
3 helped shorten the war and ultimately reduced the
4 toll of lives to secure peace in the Pacific.

5 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

6 It is the sense of Congress that—

7 (1) an appropriate commemoration of the 50th
8 anniversary of the Mariana campaign should be
9 planned by the United States in conjunction with
10 the Government of Guam and the Government of the
11 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;
12 and

13 (2) the Secretary of the Interior should take all
14 necessary steps to ensure that two visitor centers,
15 one at the War in the Pacific National Historical
16 Park on Guam and the other at the American Me-
17 morial Park in Saipan, are completed before June
18 15, 1994, for the 50th anniversary commemoration,
19 to provide adequate historical interpretation of the
20 events described in section 1.

21 **SEC. 3. WAR IN THE PACIFIC NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.**

22 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Sub-
23 section (k) of section 6 of the Act entitled “An Act to
24 authorize appropriations for certain insular areas of the
25 United States, and for other purposes”, approved August

1 18, 1978 (92 Stat. 493; 16 U.S.C. 410dd) is amended
2 by striking “\$500,000” and inserting “\$8,000,000”.

3 (b) DEVELOPMENT.—Section 6 is further amended
4 by adding at the end the following subsections:

5 “(l) Within the boundaries of the park, the Secretary
6 is authorized to construct a monument which shall com-
7 memorate, by individual name, those people of Guam, liv-
8 ing and dead, who suffered personal injury, forced labor,
9 forced marches, internment or death incident to enemy oc-
10 cupation of Guam between December 8, 1941, and August
11 10, 1944.

12 “(m) Within the boundaries of the park, the Sec-
13 retary is authorized to implement programs to interpret
14 experiences of the people of Guam during World War II,
15 including, but not limited to, oral histories of those people
16 of Guam who experienced the occupation.

17 “(n) Within six months after the date of enactment
18 of this subsection, the Secretary, through the Director of
19 the National Park Service, shall develop and transmit to
20 the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the
21 Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the
22 House of Representatives a report containing updated cost
23 estimates for the development of the park. Further, this
24 report shall contain a general plan to implement sub-
25 sections (l) and (m), including, at a minimum, cost esti-

1 mates for the design and construction of the monument
2 authorized in section (l).

3 “(o) Within six months after the date of enactment
4 of this subsection, the Secretary, through the Assistant
5 Secretary of Territorial and International Affairs, shall
6 compile and transmit to the Committee on Energy and
7 Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on
8 Natural Resources of the House of Representatives a list
9 of names to appear on the monument authorized in sub-
10 section (l).

11 “(p) The Secretary may take such steps as may be
12 necessary to preserve and protect various World War II
13 vintage weapons and fortifications which exist within the
14 boundaries of the park.”.

15 **SEC. 4. AMERICAN MEMORIAL PARK.**

16 Section 5(g) of the Act entitled “An Act to authorize
17 appropriations for certain insular areas of the United
18 States, and for other purposes”, approved August 18,
19 1978 (92 Stat. 492) is amended by striking “\$3,000,000”
20 and inserting “\$8,000,000”.

○