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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

AN ACT

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 ~~troop~~, 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 (2) the Secretary of the Interior should take all
13 necessary steps to ensure that appropriate visitor fa-
14 cilities at War in the Pacific National Historical
15 Park on Guam are expeditiously developed and con-
16 structed; and

17 (3) the Secretary of the Interior should take all
18 necessary steps to ensure that the monument ref-
19 erenced in section 3(b) is completed before July 21,
20 1994, for the 50th anniversary commemoration, to
21 provide adequate historical interpretation of the
22 events described in section 1.

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

24 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Sub-
25 section (k) of section 6 of the Act entitled “An Act to

1 authorize appropriations for certain insular areas of the
2 United States, and for other purposes”, approved August
3 18, 1978 (92 Stat. 493; 16 U.S.C. 410dd) is amended
4 by striking “\$500,000” and inserting “\$8,000,000”.

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

7 “(l) Within the boundaries of the park, the Secretary
8 is authorized to construct a monument which shall com-
9 memorate, by individual name, those people of Guam, liv-
10 ing and dead, who suffered personal injury, forced labor,
11 forced marches, internment or death incident to enemy oc-
12 cupation of Guam between December 8, 1941, and August
13 10, 1944.

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

19 “(n) Within six months after the date of enactment
20 of this subsection, the Secretary, through the Director of
21 the National Park Service, shall develop and transmit to
22 the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the
23 Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the
24 House of Representatives a report containing updated cost
25 estimates for the development of the park. Further, this

1 report shall contain a general plan to implement sub-
2 sections (l) and (m), including, at a minimum, cost esti-
3 mates for the design and construction of the monument
4 authorized in section (l).

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

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

17 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

18 *Congress finds that—*

19 (1) *June 15 through August 10, 1994, marks the*
20 *50th anniversary of the Mariana campaign of World*
21 *War II in which United States forces captured the*
22 *Japanese islands of Saipan and Tinian and liberated*
23 *the United States Territory of Guam from Japan;*

24 (2) *an attack during this campaign by the Japa-*
25 *nese combined fleet, aimed at annihilating the United*

1 *States forces that had landed on Saipan, led to the*
2 *battle of the Philippine Sea, which resulted in a*
3 *crushing defeat for the Japanese by United States*
4 *naval forces and the destruction of the effectiveness of*
5 *the Japanese carrier-based airpower;*

6 *(3) the recapture of Guam liberated one of the*
7 *few pieces of United States territory that was occu-*
8 *pled by the enemy during World War II and restored*
9 *United States Government to more than 20,000 na-*
10 *tive Guamanians;*

11 *(4) units of the United States Army, Navy, Ma-*
12 *rine Corps, and Coast Guard fought with great brav-*
13 *ery and sacrifice, suffering casualties of approxi-*
14 *mately 5,700 killed and missing and 21,900 wounded*
15 *in action;*

16 *(5) United States forces succeeded in destroying*
17 *all Japanese garrisons in Saipan, Tinian, and*
18 *Guam, which resulted in Japanese military casualties*
19 *of 54,000 dead and 21,900 taken prisoner;*

20 *(6) Guamanians, notably members of the Navy*
21 *Insular Force Guard and volunteer militia, bravely*
22 *resisted the invasion and occupation of their island,*
23 *and ultimately assisted in the expulsion of Japanese*
24 *forces from Guam;*

1 (7) *at the hands of the Japanese, the people of*
2 *Guam—*

3 (A) *were forcibly removed from their homes;*

4 (B) *were relocated to remote sections of the*
5 *island;*

6 (C) *were required to perform forced labor*
7 *and faced other harsh treatment, injustices, and*
8 *death; and*

9 (D) *were eventually placed in concentration*
10 *camps and subjected to retribution when the lib-*
11 *eration of their island became apparent to the*
12 *Japanese;*

13 (8) *the seizure of the Mariana Islands severed*
14 *Japanese lines of communication between Japan*
15 *proper and those remaining Japanese bases and forces*
16 *in the Central Pacific south of the Mariana Islands*
17 *and in the South Pacific as well;*

18 (9) *the Mariana Islands provided large island*
19 *areas on which advance bases could be constructed to*
20 *support further operations against Japanese posses-*
21 *sions and conquered territories such as Iwo Jima and*
22 *Okinawa, the Philippines, Taiwan, and the south*
23 *China coast, and ultimately against the Japanese*
24 *home islands;*

1 (10) the Mariana Islands provided, for the first
2 time during the war, island air bases from which
3 United States land-based airpower could reach Japan
4 itself; and

5 (11) the air offensive staged from the Mariana
6 Islands against Japanese cities and economic infra-
7 structure helped shorten the war and vitiate the need
8 for the invasion and capture of the Japanese home is-
9 lands.

10 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

11 *It is the sense of Congress that—*

12 (1) an appropriate commemoration of the 50th
13 anniversary of the Mariana campaign should be
14 planned; and

15 (2) the Secretary of the Interior should take all
16 necessary steps to ensure that two visitors centers to
17 provide appropriate facilities for the interpretation of
18 the events described in section 1 are completed, one at
19 the War in the Pacific National Historical Park and
20 one at the American Memorial Park, before June 15,
21 1994, the beginning of the 50th anniversary of the
22 campaign.

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

24 Section 6(k) of the Act entitled “An Act to authorize
25 appropriations for certain insular areas of the United

1 *States, and for other purposes*", approved August 18, 1978
2 *(92 Stat. 493; 16 U.S.C. 410 dd(k))*, is amended by striking
3 *"\$500,000"* and inserting in lieu thereof *"\$8,000,000"*.

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

5 *Section 5(g) of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize*
6 *appropriations for certain insular areas of the United*
7 *States, and for other purposes*", approved August 18, 1978
8 *(92 Stat. 492)*, is amended by striking *"\$3,000,000"* and
9 *inserting in lieu thereof "\$8,000,000"*.

Passed the House of Representatives June 21, 1993.

Attest: DONNALD K. ANDERSON,
Clerk.