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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. THURMOND (for himself and Mr. GLENN, Mr. MACK, Mr. HEFLIN, Mr. McCAIN, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. COATS, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DOLE, Mr. DECONCINI, Mr. COHEN, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BUMPERS, and Mr. MITCHELL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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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. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH MEMORIAL.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The American Battle Monuments
5 Commission (hereafter in this Act referred to as the
6 “Commission”) is authorized to establish a memorial on
7 Federal land in the District of Columbia or its environs
8 to honor members of the Armed Forces who served in
9 World War II and to commemorate the participation of
10 the United States in that war.

11 (b) COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS FOR COMMEMO-
12 RATIVE WORKS.—The establishment of the memorial shall
13 be in accordance with the Act entitled “An Act to provide
14 standards for placement of commemorative works on cer-
15 tain Federal lands in the District of Columbia and its en-
16 viron, and for other purposes” approved November 14,
17 1986 (40 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

18 (c) HANDICAPPED ACCESS.—The plan, design, con-
19 struction, and operation of the memorial pursuant to this
20 section shall provide for accessibility by, and accommoda-
21 tions for, the physically handicapped.

22 **SEC. 2. ADVISORY BOARD.**

23 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD.—There is estab-
24 lished a World War II Memorial Advisory Board (here-
25 after in this Act referred to as the “Board”), consisting

1 of 12 members, who shall be appointed by the President
2 from among veterans of World War II, historians of World
3 War II, and representatives of veterans organizations, his-
4 torical associations, and groups knowledgeable about
5 World War II.

6 (b) APPOINTMENTS.—Members of the Board shall be
7 appointed not later than 3 months after the date of enact-
8 ment of this Act and shall serve for the life of the Board.
9 The President shall make appointments to fill such vacan-
10 cies as may occur on the Board.

11 (c) RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOARD.—The Board
12 shall—

13 (1) in the manner specified by the Commission,
14 promote establishment of the memorial and encour-
15 age donation of private contributions for the memo-
16 rial; and

17 (2) upon the request of the Commission, advise
18 the Commission on the site and design for the
19 memorial.

20 (d) TERMINATION.—The Board shall cease to exist
21 on the last day of the third month after the month in
22 which the memorial is completed or the month of the expi-
23 ration of the authority for the memorial under section
24 10(b) of the Act referred to in section 1(b), whichever first
25 occurs.

1 **SEC. 3. PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS.**

2 The Commission shall solicit and accept private con-
3 tributions for the memorial.

4 **SEC. 4. FUND IN THE TREASURY FOR THE MEMORIAL.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is created in the Treasury
6 a fund which shall be available to the American Battle
7 Monuments Commission for the expenses of establishing
8 the memorial. The fund shall consist of—

9 (1) amounts deposited, and interest and pro-
10 ceeds credited, under subsection (b);

11 (2) obligations obtained under subsection (c);
12 and

13 (3) the amount of surcharges paid to the Com-
14 mission for the memorial under the World War II
15 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coins Act.

16 (b) DEPOSITS AND CREDITS.—The Chairman of the
17 Commission shall deposit in the fund the amounts accept-
18 ed as contributions under subsection (a). The Secretary
19 of the Treasury shall credit to the fund the interest on,
20 and the proceeds from sale or redemption of, obligations
21 held in the fund.

22 (c) OBLIGATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury
23 shall invest any portion of the fund that, as determined
24 by the Chairman of the Commission, is not required to
25 meet current expenses. Each investment shall be made in
26 an interest bearing obligation of the United States or an

1 obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the
2 United States that, as determined by the Chairman of the
3 Commission, has a maturity suitable for the fund.

4 (d) ABOLITION.—Upon the final settlement of the ac-
5 counts of the fund, the Secretary of the Treasury shall
6 submit to the Congress draft legislation (including tech-
7 nical and conforming provisions) for the abolition of the
8 fund.

9 **SEC. 5. DEPOSIT OF EXCESS FUNDS.**

10 If, upon payment of all expenses of the establishment
11 of the memorial (including the maintenance and preserva-
12 tion amount provided for in section 8(b) of the Act re-
13 ferred to in section 1(b)), or upon expiration of the author-
14 ity for the memorial under section 10(b) of that Act, there
15 remains a balance in the fund created by section 4, the
16 Chairman of the Commission shall transmit the amount
17 of the balance to the Secretary of the Treasury for deposit
18 in the account provided for in section 8(b)(1) of that Act.