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H. R. 510

To authorize the design and construction of a temporary education center at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in the District of Columbia.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 7, 2001

Mr. MURTHA (for himself, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. BOYD, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. COYNE, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FILNER, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. GOODE, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. HOEFFEL, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. KING, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. REYES, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. TOWNS, and Mr. FOSSELLA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

To authorize the design and construction of a temporary education center at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in the District of Columbia.

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 “Vietnam Veterans Me-
5 morial Education Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TEMPORARY EDUCATION CENTER.**

2 Public Law 96–297 (16 U.S.C. 431 note; 94 Stat.
3 827) is amended by adding at the end the following:

4 **“SEC. 6. TEMPORARY EDUCATION CENTER.**

5 “(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Vietnam Veterans Memorial
6 Fund, Inc., may, in accordance with this section, construct
7 a temporary education center (referred to in this section
8 as the ‘Center’) for the purpose of educating people about
9 the memorial authorized by this Act.

10 “(b) **ELEMENTS.**—The Center shall—

11 “(1) be placed on the memorial described in
12 section 5(f);

13 “(2) replace the National Park Service visitor
14 center located on the site as of the date of enact-
15 ment of this section; and

16 “(3) have an area of not to exceed 1,200 square
17 feet.

18 “(c) **DURATION.**—

19 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Center shall be a tem-
20 porary structure to be erected for a period of 10
21 years beginning on the date of completion of con-
22 struction of the Center, subject to paragraph (2).

23 “(2) **REEVALUATION.**—On expiration of the pe-
24 riod referred to in paragraph (1), Congress may re-
25 evaluate the continuing need for the Center.

1 “(d) FUNDING.—All funds required for the design
2 and construction of the Center shall be provided by the
3 Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc.

4 “(e) RELATION TO COMMEMORATIVE WORKS ACT.—
5 The Commemorative Works Act (40 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.)
6 shall apply to the design and placement of the Center.

7 “(f) LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF EXCESS COIN
8 FUNDS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
10 graph (2), none of the funds made available under
11 section 208(b) of the United States Veterans Com-
12 memorative Coin Act of 1993 (31 U.S.C. 5112 note;
13 107 Stat. 2249) may be used to carry out this sec-
14 tion.

15 “(2) USE OF EXCESS COIN FUNDS.—Funds de-
16 scribed in paragraph (1) may be used to carry out
17 this section only if—

18 “(A) excess funds are available after the
19 purposes of section 208(b) of the United States
20 Veterans Commemorative Coin Act of 1993 (31
21 U.S.C. 5112 note; 107 Stat. 2249) have been
22 met; and

23 “(B) the Vietnam Veterans Memorial
24 Fund, Inc.—

1 “(i) prepares a detailed written expla-
2 nation of its compliance with section
3 208(b) of the United States Veterans Com-
4 memorative Coin Act of 1993 (31 U.S.C.
5 5112 note; 107 Stat. 2249) (including an
6 accounting of any excess funds);

7 “(ii) prepares a detailed written expla-
8 nation of the actual purposes for which the
9 excess funds, or any portion of the funds,
10 would be used (including documentation, in
11 sufficient detail, of the actual uses of those
12 funds);

13 “(iii) has the explanations and docu-
14 mentation under clauses (i) and (ii) cer-
15 tified by each member of its board of direc-
16 tors and by its chief executive officer;

17 “(iv) provides for an appropriate con-
18 tingency reserve; and

19 “(v) makes available, on request by
20 any Member of Congress or authorized
21 representative of a Federal department or
22 agency, any explanation or certified docu-
23 ment (including supporting documents) de-
24 scribed in any of clauses (i) through (iii).”.

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