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# S. CON. RES. 117

Officially designating the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, Texas, as The National Museum of the Pacific War.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2006

Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, Texas, was founded in 1966 by local citizens in honor of Admiral Chester Nimitz, a Fredericksburg, Texas, native and in honor of those who served in the World War II Pacific War, defending liberty and Nation;

Whereas the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, Texas, is frequently referred to as the Admiral Nimitz Museum;

Whereas the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, Texas, is the only institution in the continental United States dedicated exclusively to telling the

story and interpreting the experiences of the United States and its allies that took part in the Pacific Theater battles of World War II—on the battlefield, ocean, and home front;

Whereas the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, Texas, has grown to nearly 34,000 square feet of indoor exhibit space;

Whereas the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, Texas, boasts an impressive display of Allied and Japanese aircraft, tanks, guns, and other large artifacts made famous during the Pacific War campaigns;

Whereas the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, Texas, highlights—

- (1) the personal effects of those who made history in the Pacific;
- (2) aircraft and battleship remnants;
- (3) art; and
- (4) other rare treasures;

Whereas there remains a need to preserve in a museum setting both—

- (1) evidence of the honor, courage, patriotism, and sacrifice of those Americans who served and sacrificed in the defense of liberty during World War II; and
- (2) evidence of other relevant subjects; and

Whereas the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, Texas, houses an archival collection of materials—maintained by the Center for Pacific War Studies—that contains more than 10,000 Pacific War photos, an extensive collection of private papers, official documents, and manuscripts, and a research library of more

than 3,000 volumes, all related to the Pacific War: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*  
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3            (1) designates the National Museum of the Pa-  
4            cific War in Fredericksburg, Texas, including the  
5            museum’s future and expanded exhibits, collections,  
6            archives, artifacts, and education programs, as “The  
7            National Museum of the Pacific War”;

8            (2) supports efforts to preserve historic mo-  
9            ments in our Nation’s history;

10           (3) recognizes that the continued collection,  
11           preservation, and display of the historical objects  
12           and other historical materials held by The National  
13           Museum of the Pacific War enhance our knowledge  
14           and understanding of the experience of past and  
15           present members of the United States Armed Forces  
16           among freedom-loving people around the world;

17           (4) asks all Americans to join in celebrating  
18           The National Museum of the Pacific War and its  
19           mission of preserving and safeguarding the legacy of  
20           the heroes of the Pacific War; and

21           (5) encourages present and future generations  
22           to understand the sacrifices all Americans made dur-  
23           ing the difficult times of World War II, to under-  
24           stand how World War II shaped the Nation, other

1 countries, and subsequent world events, and how the  
2 sacrifices made then helped preserve liberty, democ-  
3 racy, and other founding principles for generations  
4 to come.

