

By the Committee on Comprehensive Planning, Local and Military Affairs; and Senators King, Dyer, Clary and Klein

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A bill to be entitled
An act making a supplemental appropriation;
providing an appropriation to help fund the
building of the National World War II Memorial;
providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the American Battle Monuments Commission was
authorized to establish a National World War II Memorial in
our nation's capital by Public Law Number 103-32, and

WHEREAS, the memorial will honor the 16 million men and
women who served in the Armed Forces of the United States
during World War II, the 406,000 who died, and the millions
who supported the war effort from home, and

WHEREAS, the memorial will be a monument to the spirit,
sacrifice, and commitment of the Americans to the common
defense of the nation and to the broader causes of peace and
freedom from tyranny throughout the world, and

WHEREAS, the memorial will inspire future generations
of Americans, deepening their appreciation of what the World
War II generation accomplished in securing freedom and
democracy, and

WHEREAS, in order to establish a World War II Memorial
on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., the American Battle
Monuments Commission is seeking contributions from the states
in an amount equal to \$1 for each state resident who served in
the Armed Forces during World War II, and

WHEREAS, most states have already introduced
legislation to participate in this "dollar-per-veteran"
campaign, and an ever-increasing number of states have
subsequently passed that legislation to provide for their
portion of the funds sought under the campaign, and

1 WHEREAS, it is estimated that 248,000 veterans were
2 residents of Florida when they served in World War II and
3 3,174 of these veterans lost their lives defending freedom,
4 and

5 WHEREAS, it is estimated that almost 600,000 veterans
6 of World War II proudly call Florida home, and

7 WHEREAS, it is fitting, proper, and an honor for the
8 State of Florida to contribute its portion to the national
9 campaign for such memorial, NOW, THEREFORE,

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. The sum of \$248,000 is appropriated from
14 the General Revenue Fund to the American Battle Monuments
15 Commission for deposit into the National World War II Memorial
16 Fund for the purpose of helping to fund the building of the
17 National World War II Memorial on the National Mall in
18 Washington, D.C.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.
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21 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
22 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
23 SB's 258 & 230

24 The CS combines SB 258 and SB 230, incorporating the "Whereas"
25 section from 258, and the text from both bills, which are
26 identical.
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