

By Representative Maygarden

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to a supplemental
3 appropriation; providing an appropriation to
4 help fund the construction of the National
5 World War II Memorial; providing an effective
6 date.

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

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

15 WHEREAS, the memorial will be a monument to the spirit,
16 sacrifice, and commitment of the American people to the common
17 defense of the nation and to the broader causes of peace and
18 freedom from tyranny throughout the world, and

19 WHEREAS, the memorial will inspire future generations
20 of Americans, deepening their appreciation of the
21 accomplishments of the World War II generation in securing
22 freedom and democracy, and

23 WHEREAS, the American Battle Monuments Commission is
24 seeking contributions from all fifty states in an amount equal
25 to \$1 for each resident of the state who served in the Armed
26 Forces during World War II, and

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

1 WHEREAS, it is estimated that the State of Florida had
2 248,000 residents who served in the Armed Forces during World
3 War II, and, of those, 3,174 paid the ultimate sacrifice,
4 giving their lives defending freedom, and

5 WHEREAS, today almost 600,000 World War II veterans
6 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 World War II Memorial as a way of honoring our World War II
10 veterans and our citizens who supported the war effort from
11 home, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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15 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General
16 Revenue Fund to the American Battle Monuments Commission the
17 sum of \$248,000, an amount equal to \$1 for each resident of
18 the State of Florida who served in the Armed Forces of the
19 United States during World War II, such sum to be deposited
20 into the National World War II Memorial Fund as Florida's
21 contribution toward the construction of the National World War
22 II Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.
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26 HOUSE SUMMARY

27 Appropriates a sum from the General Revenue Fund to the
28 American Battle Monuments Commission as the state's
29 contribution toward the construction of the National
30 World War II Memorial. See bill for details.
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