

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the National World War II
3 Memorial; providing an appropriation to help
4 fund the construction of the National World War
5 II Memorial; providing an effective date.
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7 WHEREAS, the American Battle Monuments Commission was
8 authorized by Public Law 103-32 to establish a National World
9 War II Memorial in our nation's capital, and

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

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

18 WHEREAS, the memorial will inspire future generations
19 of Americans, deepening their appreciation of the
20 accomplishments of the World War II generation in helping to
21 secure freedom and democracy for our nation and the world, and

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

26 WHEREAS, most states have already introduced
27 legislation to participate in this dollar-per-veteran
28 campaign, and an ever-increasing number of states have
29 subsequently passed that legislation to provide for their
30 portion of the funds sought under the campaign, and
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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. Pursuant to the fiscal year 2000-2001
16 General Appropriations Act, the American Battle Monuments
17 Commission shall receive the sum of \$248,000, an amount equal
18 to \$1 for each person who was a resident of the State of
19 Florida and served in the Armed Forces of the United States
20 during World War II, such sum to be deposited into the
21 National World War II Memorial Fund as Florida's contribution
22 toward the construction of the National World War II Memorial
23 on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.
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