
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING CONGRESS TO SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MEMORIAL
COMMEMORATING THE WAR IN THE PACIFIC AT THE PEARL HARBOR
VISITOR CENTER.

1 WHEREAS, the World War II Valor in the Pacific National
2 Monument is one of the most popular historical tourist
3 destinations in Hawaii, with over 1,500,000 visitors every year;
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6 WHEREAS, the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center is a part of the
7 World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument and serves
8 as the primary portal for visitors to the Pearl Harbor historic
9 sites, which include the United States Ship Arizona Memorial,
10 the United States Ship Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park, and the
11 Pacific Aviation Museum; and

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13 WHEREAS, a "War in the Pacific" Memorial at the Pearl
14 Harbor Visitation Center would recognize and honor those who
15 fought the battles of World War II in the Pacific, including the
16 more than 100,000 soldiers who sacrificed their lives in the
17 conflicts; and

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19 WHEREAS, a "War in the Pacific" Memorial would also help to
20 educate the public about the battles in the Pacific during World
21 War II, which have not received the recognition they deserve;
22 now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
26 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that Congress is urged
27 to support the construction of a memorial commemorating the War
28 in the Pacific at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress is urged to authorize
31 the National Park Service to design and build a "War in the



1 Pacific" Memorial at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center to honor
2 those who fought the battles of World War II in the Pacific, with
3 a special tribute to the more than 100,000 soldiers who
4 sacrificed their lives in the conflicts; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress is urged to provide
7 the Department of the Interior with the authority to approve the
8 final design of the memorial; provided that the memorial will:
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- 10 (1) Be located on the grounds of the Pearl Harbor Visitor
11 Center, and, if feasible, on the waterfront;
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- 13 (2) Be a tri-circular design to represent the three
14 elements of recognition: the soldiers, the battles,
15 and the allies of the United States;
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- 17 (3) Feature a circular tile mosaic map of the Western
18 Pacific, including locations of the major battles and
19 campaigns (Pearl Harbor, Coral Sea, Midway,
20 Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Philippine Sea, Iwo Jima,
21 Peleliu, and Okinawa), surrounded by a circle of
22 kiosks on a footpath outside the center mosaic;
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- 24 (4) Provide visual and electronic displays of one or more
25 campaigns, including a summary of each campaign's
26 importance to the wartime Pacific strategy, the
27 outcome of each campaign, and the casualties incurred;
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- 30 (5) Contain several additional kiosks outside the center
31 mosaic, each one a tribute to a wartime allied nation
32 (The United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and The
33 Netherlands) with visual and electronic displays
34 depicting the allies' key roles in the battles and
35 campaigns, and tallies of their personnel sacrifices;
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress is urged to require
39 the Department of the Interior to design and determine
40 preliminary cost estimates within twelve months of enactment of
41 the legislation providing for the construction of a "War in the
42 Pacific" Memorial; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the
3 United States House of Representatives, Majority Leader of
4 United States Senate, each member of the Hawaii congressional
5 delegation, and Governor.
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