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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. VISITOR CENTER.**

2 Public Law 96–297 (16 U.S.C. 431 note) is amended
3 by adding at the end the following:

4 **“SEC. 6. VISITOR CENTER.**

5 “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Vietnam Veterans Me-
7 morial Fund, Inc., is authorized to construct a vis-
8 itor center at or near the Vietnam Veterans Memo-
9 rial on Federal land in the District of Columbia, or
10 its environs, subject to the provisions of this section,
11 in order to better inform and educate the public
12 about the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the Viet-
13 nam War.

14 “(2) LOCATION.—The visitor center shall be lo-
15 cated underground.

16 “(3) CONSULTATION ON DESIGN PHASE.—The
17 Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. shall consult
18 with educators, veterans groups, and the National
19 Park Service in developing the proposed design of
20 the visitor center.

21 “(b) APPLICATION OF COMMEMORATIVE WORKS
22 ACT.—Chapter 89 of title 40, United States Code (com-
23 monly referred to as the Commemorative Works Act) shall
24 apply, including provisions related to the siting, design,
25 construction, and maintenance of the visitor center, and

1 the visitor center shall be considered a commemorative
2 work for the purposes of that Act, except that—

3 “(1) final approval of the visitor center shall
4 not be withheld;

5 “(2) the provisions of section 8908(b) of title
6 40, United States Code requiring further approval
7 by law for the location of a commemorative work
8 within Area I shall not apply; and

9 “(3) the Secretary of the Interior shall enter
10 into a written agreement with the Vietnam Veterans
11 Memorial Fund, Inc. for specified maintenance
12 needs of the visitor center.

13 “(c) OPERATION.—The Secretary of the Interior
14 shall—

15 “(1) operate the visitor center; and

16 “(2) as soon as practicable, in consultation with
17 educators and veterans groups, develop a written in-
18 terpretive plan for the visitor center in accordance
19 with National Park Service policy.

20 “(d) FUNDING.—The Vietnam Veterans Memorial
21 Fund, Inc. shall be solely responsible for acceptance of
22 contributions for, and payment of expenses of, the estab-
23 lishment of the visitor center. No Federal funds shall be

- 1 used to pay any expense of the establishment of the visitor
- 2 center.”.

Passed the House of Representatives October 15,
2003.

Attest:

Clerk.