

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2788

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## AN ACT

To designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Distinguished Flying  
3 Cross National Memorial Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS**  
5 **NATIONAL MEMORIAL IN RIVERSIDE, CALI-**  
6 **FORNIA.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The most reliable statistics regarding the  
9 number of members of the Armed Forces who have  
10 been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross indi-  
11 cate that 126,318 members of the Armed Forces re-  
12 ceived the medal during World War II, approxi-  
13 mately 21,000 members received the medal during  
14 the Korean conflict, and 21,647 members received  
15 the medal during the Vietnam War. Since the end  
16 of the Vietnam War, more than 203 Armed Forces  
17 members have received the medal in times of con-  
18 flict.

19 (2) The National Personnel Records Center in  
20 St. Louis, Missouri, burned down in 1973, and thus  
21 many more recipients of the Distinguished Flying  
22 Cross may be undocumented. Currently, the Depart-  
23 ment of Defense continues to locate and identify  
24 members of the Armed Forces who have received the  
25 medal and are undocumented.

1           (3) The United States currently lacks a na-  
2           tional memorial dedicated to the bravery and sac-  
3           rifice of those members of the Armed Forces who  
4           have distinguished themselves by heroic deeds per-  
5           formed in aerial flight.

6           (4) An appropriate memorial to current and  
7           former members of the Armed Forces is under con-  
8           struction at March Field Air Museum in Riverside,  
9           California.

10          (5) This memorial will honor all those members  
11          of the Armed Forces who have distinguished them-  
12          selves in aerial flight, whether documentation of  
13          such members who earned the Distinguished Flying  
14          Cross exists or not.

15          (b) DESIGNATION.—The memorial to members of the  
16          Armed Forces who have been awarded the Distinguished  
17          Flying Cross that is under construction at March Field  
18          Air Museum in Riverside, California, is hereby designated  
19          as the Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial.

20          (c) EFFECT OF DESIGNATION.—The national memo-  
21          rial designated by this section is not a unit of the National  
22          Park System, and the designation of the national memo-  
23          rial shall not be construed to require or permit Federal

1 funds to be expended for any purpose related to the na-  
2 tional memorial.

Passed the House of Representatives March 19,  
2010.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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