

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2788

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 10, 2009

Mr. CALVERT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Distinguished Flying
5 Cross National Memorial Act”.

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

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

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

12 (2) The National Personnel Records Center in
13 St. Louis, Missouri, burned down in 1973, and thus
14 many more recipients of the Distinguished Flying
15 Cross may be undocumented. Currently, the Depart-
16 ment of Defense continues to locate and identify
17 members of the Armed Forces who have received the
18 medal and are undocumented.

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

24 (4) An appropriate memorial to current and
25 former members of the Armed Forces is under con-

1 construction at March Field Air Museum in Riverside,
2 California.

3 (5) This memorial will honor all those members
4 of the Armed Forces who have distinguished them-
5 selves in aerial flight, whether documentation of
6 such members who earned the Distinguished Flying
7 Cross exists or not.

8 (b) DESIGNATION.—The memorial to members of the
9 Armed Forces who have been awarded the Distinguished
10 Flying Cross that is under construction at March Field
11 Air Museum in Riverside, California, is hereby designated
12 as the Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial.

13 (c) EFFECT OF DESIGNATION.—The national memo-
14 rial designated by this section is not a unit of the National
15 Park System, and the designation of the national memo-
16 rial shall not be construed to require or permit Federal
17 funds to be expended for any purpose related to the na-
18 tional memorial.

○