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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. ERNST (for herself, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Global War on Ter-
5 rorism Memorial Location Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM MEMO-**
2 **RIAL.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

4 (1) approaching 2 decades after the September
5 11, 2001, attacks against the United States, the
6 United States continues the Global War on Ter-
7 rorism, at great personal cost to—

8 (A) the men and women serving on active
9 duty in the Armed Forces; and

10 (B) the individuals on whose support those
11 men and women depend to fulfill their duties;

12 (2) civil servants from Federal departments and
13 agencies, the intelligence community, local emer-
14 gency responders, and other civilian support per-
15 sonnel have made significant sacrifices in service in
16 the Global War on Terrorism;

17 (3) honoring the losses endured by the individ-
18 uals described in paragraphs (1) and (2), together
19 with their families, Congress in 2017 unanimously
20 passed, and the President signed, the Global War on
21 Terrorism War Memorial Act (Public Law 115–51;
22 40 U.S.C. 8903 note), which allowed the Global War
23 on Terrorism Memorial Foundation to establish on
24 Federal land in the District of Columbia a memorial
25 to the fallen of that conflict; and

1 (4) given the significance of the Global War on
2 Terrorism as the longest-running conflict in United
3 States history and the magnitude of the sacrifice in-
4 volved in operations in that conflict, it is appropriate
5 to locate the National Global War on Terrorism Me-
6 morial within the Reserve alongside existing memo-
7 rials to the major armed conflicts of the United
8 States.

9 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) MEMORIAL.—The term “Memorial” means
11 the National Global War on Terrorism Memorial au-
12 thorized by subsection (c)(1).

13 (2) RESERVE.—The term “Reserve” has the
14 meaning given the term in section 8902(a) of title
15 40, United States Code.

16 (c) LOCATION OF MEMORIAL.—

17 (1) AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding section
18 8908(c) of title 40, United States Code, the Global
19 War on Terrorism Memorial Foundation may estab-
20 lish the National Global War on Terrorism Memorial
21 within the Reserve.

22 (2) LOCATION.—The Memorial shall be located
23 at 1 of the following sites, as identified in, and in
24 accordance with, the document commonly known as
25 the “Memorials and Museums Master Plan”:

1 (A) Potential Site 1—Constitution Gar-
2 dens, Prime Candidate Site 10 in The Memo-
3 rials and Museums Master Plan.

4 (B) Potential Site 2—JFK Hockey Fields,
5 Prime Candidate Site 18 in The Memorials and
6 Museums Master Plan.

7 (C) Potential Site 3—West Potomac Park,
8 Candidate Site 70 in The Memorials and Muse-
9 ums Master Plan.

10 (3) COMMEMORATIVE WORKS ACT.—Except as
11 otherwise provided in paragraphs (1) and (2), chap-
12 ter 89 of title 40, United States Code (commonly
13 known as the “Commemorative Works Act”), shall
14 apply to the Memorial.

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