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To direct the Secretary of Defense to establish the Senator Robert J. Dole
Greatest Generation Education Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHMIDT (for himself and Ms. JOHNSON of Texas) introduced the
following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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Robert J. Dole Greatest Generation Education Program.

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. SENATOR ROBERT J. DOLE GREATEST GENERA-**
4 **TION EDUCATION PROGRAM.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary
6 of Defense shall establish and carry out a comprehensive
7 educational program to increase public awareness and un-
8 derstanding of the achievements, sacrifices, and enduring
9 lessons of the Greatest Generation in winning World War
10 II. The Secretary shall design the program to—

1 (1) teach the lessons of yesterday to unite the
2 generations of tomorrow, strengthening the bonds
3 between young and old people of the United States;

4 (2) instill patriotism and pride in the young
5 people of the United States by sharing the stories of
6 courage, sacrifice, resilience, and unity demonstrated
7 during World War II; and

8 (3) offer hope for the future by demonstrating
9 how the people of the United States, when unified
10 in purpose, can overcome the greatest challenges.

11 (b) GRANTS.—Under the program established by sub-
12 section (a), the Secretary may make grants to State and
13 local governments, subject to the limitation under sub-
14 section (c), and nonprofit organizations. A recipient of
15 such a grant shall use the grant to carry out educational
16 activities for the general public anywhere in the United
17 States that are designed to—

18 (1) honor and thank World War II veterans, in-
19 cluding those who were prisoners of war or listed as
20 missing in action, and their families, for their service
21 and sacrifice;

22 (2) educate the public about the service and
23 contributions of the United States Armed Forces
24 during World War II, as well as the efforts of Fed-

1 eral agencies, allied nations, and nongovernmental
2 organizations;

3 (3) promote awareness of the vital role of the
4 home front in the United States during World War
5 II, including the contributions of workers, families,
6 and communities;

7 (4) remember the Holocaust and honor the
8 memory of its victims, as well as recognizing the Al-
9 lied forces who liberated Nazi concentration camps;

10 (5) support programs that engage students and
11 young people of the United States in learning about
12 World War II, fostering civic pride, historical under-
13 standing, and national unity; and

14 (6) support programming and events held at
15 nationally significant sites of remembrance, such as
16 the National World War II Memorial, to reinforce
17 public awareness and provide immersive educational
18 experiences that honor the legacy of the Greatest
19 Generation.

20 (c) LIMITATION.—A State government that receives
21 a grant under this section may only use the grant for a
22 new initiative and may not use the grant to provide pro-
23 gramming that is part of a secondary education program
24 provided by the State.

1 (d) NAMES AND SYMBOLS.—The Secretary of De-
2 fense shall have the sole and exclusive right to use the
3 name “Senator Robert J. Dole Greatest Generation Edu-
4 cation Program”, as well as any associated seal, emblem,
5 or badge. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed
6 to supersede any rights lawfully established prior to the
7 date of enactment of this Act.

8 (e) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION DEFINED.—The
9 term “nonprofit organization” means an organization de-
10 scribed in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
11 of 1986 and exempt from taxation under section 501(a)
12 of such Code.

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