

MONUMENT COMMEMORATIVE OF FIRST SUCCESSFUL
ATTEMPT AT POWER-DRIVEN AIRPLANE FLIGHT

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Mr. LUCE, from the Committee on the Library, submitted the
following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 4876]

It is needless to dwell on the importance to the world of the successful attempt at power-driven airplane flight achieved by Orville Wright on Kill Devil Hill at Kitty Hawk, N. C., December 17, 1903, the first successful attempt in all history. Commemoration of it is contemplated by the erection of a monument and appropriate ceremonies in connection with its unveiling and dedication. The hope is that the ceremonies may be of a nature that will fittingly mark the public recognition of what the achievement signified. Therefore your committee recommends the passage of S. 4876, but in accordance with the general practice in these matters of late years advises amendment by the addition of a new section reading:

Sec. 4. The design and plans for the monument shall be subject to the approval of the Commission of Fine Arts and the Joint Committee on the Library.

The proposal of this amendment has in view two things: First, that there may be assurance as to the artistic quality of the monument, and secondly, that the legislative branch may have some part in the matter of contemplated expenditure before the plans for the work have proceeded so far as to make modification difficult.

