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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MORAN of Virginia introduced the following bill; which was referred to  
the Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

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Belvoir, Virginia, as the site for the planned National  
Museum of the United States Army.

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 “National Museum of  
5       the United States Army Site Act of 1999”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

7       (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
8       ings:

1           (1) The Nation does not have adequate knowl-  
2           edge of the role of the United States Army in the  
3           development and protection of the United States.

4           (2) The United States Army, which is the old-  
5           est United States military service, lacks a primary  
6           museum with public exhibition space and is in dire  
7           need of a permanent facility to house and display its  
8           historical artifacts.

9           (3) Such a museum would serve to enhance the  
10          preservation, study, and interpretation of Army his-  
11          torical artifacts.

12          (4) Many Army artifacts of historical signifi-  
13          cance and national interest, which are currently un-  
14          available for public display, would be exhibited in  
15          such a museum.

16          (5) While the Smithsonian Institution would be  
17          able to assist the Army in developing programs of  
18          presentations relating to the mission, values, and  
19          heritage of the Army, such a museum would be a  
20          more appropriate institution for such programs.

21          (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

22                (1) to designate a permanent site for a museum  
23                to serve as the National Museum of the United  
24                States Army;

1           (2) to ensure the preservation, maintenance,  
2           and interpretation of the artifacts and history col-  
3           lected by such museum;

4           (3) to enhance the knowledge of the American  
5           people to the role of the Army in United States his-  
6           tory; and

7           (4) to provide a facility for the public display of  
8           the artifacts and history of the Army.

9   **SEC. 3. LOCATION OF NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE UNITED**  
10                   **STATES ARMY.**

11       The Secretary of the Army shall designate Fort  
12   Belvoir, Virginia, as the location of the National Museum  
13   of the United States Army.

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