

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1745

To designate a Prisoner of War/Missing in Action National Memorial at
Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 16, 2003

Mrs. BOXER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

To designate a Prisoner of War/Missing in Action National
Memorial at Riverside National Cemetery 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 “Prisoner of War/Miss-
5 ing in Action National Memorial Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF PRISONER OF WAR/MISSING IN**

7 **ACTION NATIONAL MEMORIAL, RIVERSIDE**

8 **NATIONAL CEMETERY, RIVERSIDE, CALI-**

9 **FORNIA.**

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

1 (1) The most reliable statistics regarding the
2 number of members of the United States Armed
3 Forces who have been held as prisoners of war or
4 listed as missing in action indicate that more than
5 586,000 members of the Armed Forces have been
6 taken prisoner since the American Revolution and
7 more than 89,000 members have been listed as miss-
8 ing.

9 (2) The Department of Defense continues to lo-
10 cate and identify the remains of members of the
11 Armed Forces who have been missing in action since
12 the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

13 (3) The United States currently lacks a na-
14 tional memorial dedicated to the bravery and sac-
15 rifice of those members of the Armed Forces who
16 have been held as prisoners of war and listed as
17 missing in action.

18 (4) An appropriate memorial to former pris-
19 oners of war and members of the Armed Forces list-
20 ed as missing in action, including those who remain
21 unaccounted for, is under construction at Riverside
22 National Cemetery in Riverside, California.

23 (5) The memorial will honor all those members
24 of the Armed Forces who have been held as pris-
25 oners of war or listed as missing in action and is

1 dedicated to the memory of those members who re-
2 main missing in action.

3 (b) DESIGNATION.—The memorial to former pris-
4 oners of war and members of the Armed Forces listed as
5 missing in action that is under construction at Riverside
6 National Cemetery in Riverside, California, is hereby des-
7 ignated as the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action National
8 Memorial.

9 (c) EFFECT OF DESIGNATION.—The national memo-
10 rial designated by this section is not a unit of the National
11 Park System, and the designation of the national memo-
12 rial shall not be construed to require or permit Federal
13 funds (other than any funds provided for as of the date
14 of the enactment of this Act) to be expended for any pur-
15 pose related to the national memorial.

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