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To designate memorials to the service of members of the United States
Armed Forces in World War I, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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United States Armed Forces in World War I, and for
other purposes.

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 “World War I Memorial
5 Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL WORLD WAR I MU-**
2 **SEUM AND MEMORIAL IN KANSAS CITY, MIS-**
3 **SOURI.**

4 (a) DESIGNATION.—The Liberty Memorial of Kansas
5 City at America’s National World War I Museum in Kan-
6 sas City, Missouri, is hereby designated as the “National
7 World War I Museum and Memorial”.

8 (b) CEREMONIES.—The World War I Centennial
9 Commission (in this Act referred to as the “Commission”)
10 may plan, develop, and execute ceremonies to recognize
11 the designation of the Liberty Memorial of Kansas City
12 as the National World War I Museum and Memorial.

13 **SEC. 3. REDESIGNATION OF PERSHING PARK IN THE DIS-**
14 **TRICT OF COLUMBIA AS THE NATIONAL**
15 **WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL AND ENHANCE-**
16 **MENT OF COMMEMORATIVE WORK.**

17 (a) REDESIGNATION.—Pershing Park in the District
18 of Columbia is hereby redesignated as the “National
19 World War I Memorial”.

20 (b) CEREMONIES.—The Commission may plan, de-
21 velop, and execute ceremonies for the rededication of Per-
22 shing Park, as it approaches its 50th anniversary, as the
23 National World War I Memorial and for the enhancement
24 of the General Pershing Commemorative Work as author-
25 ized by subsection (c).

1 (c) AUTHORITY TO ENHANCE COMMEMORATIVE
2 WORK.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission may en-
4 hance the General Pershing Commemorative Work
5 by constructing on the land designated by subsection
6 (a) as the National World War I Memorial appro-
7 priate sculptural and other commemorative elements,
8 including landscaping, to further honor the service
9 of members of the United States Armed Forces in
10 World War I.

11 (2) GENERAL PERSHING COMMEMORATIVE
12 WORK DEFINED.—The term “General Pershing
13 Commemorative Work” means the memorial to the
14 late John J. Pershing, General of the Armies of the
15 United States, who commanded the American Expe-
16 ditionary Forces in World War I, and to the officers
17 and men under his command, as authorized by Pub-
18 lic Law 89–786 (80 Stat. 1377).

19 (d) COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS FOR COMMEMO-
20 RATIVE WORKS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
22 graph (2), chapter 89 of title 40, United States
23 Code, applies to the enhancement of the General
24 Pershing Commemorative Work under subsection
25 (c).

1 (2) WAIVER OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.—

2 (A) SITE SELECTION FOR MEMORIAL.—

3 Section 8905 of such title does not apply with
4 respect to the selection of the site for the Na-
5 tional World War I Memorial.

6 (B) CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO AREA

7 I.—Section 8908(b) of such title does not apply
8 to the National World War I Memorial con-
9 cerning Pershing Park.

10 (e) NO INFRINGEMENT UPON EXISTING MEMO-
11 RIAL.—The National World War I Memorial may not
12 interfere with or encroach on the District of Columbia
13 War Memorial.

14 (f) DEPOSIT OF EXCESS FUNDS.—

15 (1) USE FOR OTHER WORLD WAR I COMMEMO-
16 RATIVE ACTIVITIES.—If, upon payment of all ex-
17 penses for the enhancement of the General Pershing
18 Commemorative Work under subsection (c) (includ-
19 ing the maintenance and preservation amount re-
20 quired by section 8906(b)(1) of title 40, United
21 States Code), there remains a balance of funds re-
22 ceived for such purpose, the Commission may use
23 the amount of the balance for other commemorative
24 activities authorized under the World War I Centen-

1 nial Commission Act (Public Law 112–272; 126
2 Stat. 2448).

3 (2) USE FOR OTHER COMMEMORATIVE
4 WORKS.—If the authority for enhancement of the
5 General Pershing Commemorative Work and the au-
6 thority of the Commission to plan and conduct com-
7 memorative activities under the World War I Cen-
8 tennial Commission Act have expired and there re-
9 mains a balance of funds received for the enhance-
10 ment of the General Pershing Commemorative
11 Work, the Commission shall transmit the amount of
12 the balance to a separate account with the National
13 Park Foundation, to be available to the Secretary of
14 the Interior following the process provided in section
15 8906(b)(4) of title 40, United States Code, for ac-
16 counts established under section 8906(b)(3) of such
17 title.

18 (g) AUTHORIZATION TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION
19 AFTER TERMINATION OF COMMISSION.—Section 8 of the
20 World War I Centennial Commission Act (Public Law
21 112–272) is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “The Centen-
23 nial Commission” and inserting “Except as provided
24 in subsection (c), the Centennial Commission”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 section:

3 “(c) EXCEPTION FOR COMPLETION OF NATIONAL
4 WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL.—The Centennial Commission
5 may perform such work as is necessary to complete the
6 rededication of the National World War I Memorial and
7 enhancement of the General Pershing Commemorative
8 Work under section 3 of the World War I Memorial Act
9 of 2014, subject to section 8903 of title 40, United States
10 Code.”.

11 **SEC. 4. ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS TO WORLD WAR I CEN-**
12 **TENNIAL COMMISSION ACT.**

13 (a) EX OFFICIO AND OTHER ADVISORY MEMBERS.—
14 Section 4 of the World War I Centennial Commission Act
15 (Public Law 112–272; 126 Stat. 2449) is amended by
16 adding at the end the following new subsection:

17 “(e) EX OFFICIO AND OTHER ADVISORY MEM-
18 BERS.—

19 “(1) POWERS.—The individuals listed in para-
20 graphs (2) and (3), or their designated representa-
21 tive, shall serve on the Centennial Commission solely
22 to provide advice and information to the members of
23 the Centennial Commission appointed pursuant to
24 subsection (b)(1), and shall not be considered mem-
25 bers for purposes of any other provision of this Act.

“(2) EX OFFICIO MEMBERS.—The following individuals shall serve as ex officio members:

“(A) The Archivist of the United States.

“(B) The Librarian of Congress.

“(C) The Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

“(D) The Secretary of State.

“(E) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

“(F) The Administrator of General Services.

“(3) OTHER ADVISORY MEMBERS.—The following individuals shall serve as other advisory members:

“(A) Four members appointed by the Secretary of Defense in the following manner: One from the Navy, one from the Marine Corps, one from the Army, and one from the Air Force.

“(B) Two members appointed by the Secretary of Homeland Security in the following manner: One from the Coast Guard and one from the United States Secret Service.

“(C) Two members appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, including one from the National Parks Service.

1 “(4) VACANCIES.—A vacancy in a member posi-
 2 tion under paragraph (3) shall be filled in the same
 3 manner in which the original appointment was
 4 made.”.

5 (b) PAYABLE RATE OF STAFF.—Section 7(c)(2) of
 6 such Act (Public Law 112–272; 126 Stat. 2451) is amend-
 7 ed—

8 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking the period
 9 at the end and inserting “, without regard to the
 10 provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chap-
 11 ter 53 of title 5, United States Code, relating to
 12 classification and General Schedule pay rates.”; and

13 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “level IV”
 14 and inserting “level II”.

15 (c) LIMITATION ON OBLIGATION OF FEDERAL
 16 FUNDS.—

17 (1) LIMITATION.—Section 9 of such Act (Public
 18 Law 112–272; 126 Stat. 2453) is amended to read
 19 as follows:

20 **“SEC. 9. LIMITATION ON OBLIGATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS.**

21 “No Federal funds may be obligated or expended for
 22 the designation, establishment, or enhancement of a me-
 23 morial or commemorative work by the World War I Cen-
 24 tennial Commission.”.

1 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 7(f)
2 of such Act (Public Law 112–272; 126 Stat. 2452)
3 is repealed.

4 (3) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The item relating
5 to section 9 in the table of contents of such Act
6 (Public Law 112–272; 126 Stat. 2448) is amended
7 to read as follows:

“Sec. 9. Limitation on obligation of Federal funds.”.

