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# H. R. 5173

To authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia or its environs, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 19, 2019

Mr. VEASEY (for himself, Mr. WRIGHT, Mr. McCAUL, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. CUELLAR, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. GRANGER, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. GOODEN, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. BABIN, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. VELA, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. HURD of Texas, Mr. ALLRED, and Mr. OLSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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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. AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH COMMEMORA-**  
4       **TIVE WORK.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—The National Medal of Honor  
6       Museum Foundation may establish a commemorative work

1 on Federal land in the District of Columbia and its envi-  
2 rons to honor members of the Armed Forces who received  
3 the Medal of Honor.

4 (b) COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS FOR COMMEMO-  
5 RATIVE WORKS.—The establishment of the commemora-  
6 tive work under this section shall be in accordance with  
7 chapter 89 of title 40, United States Code (commonly  
8 known as the “Commemorative Works Act”).

9 (c) PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF FEDERAL  
10 FUNDS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Federal funds may not be  
12 used to pay any expense of the establishment of the  
13 commemorative work under this section.

14 (2) RESPONSIBILITY OF THE NATIONAL MEDAL  
15 OF HONOR MUSEUM FOUNDATION.—The National  
16 Medal of Honor Museum Foundation shall be solely  
17 responsible for acceptance of contributions for, and  
18 payment of the expenses of, the establishment of the  
19 commemorative work under this section.

20 (d) DEPOSIT OF EXCESS FUNDS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—If upon payment of all ex-  
22 penses for the establishment of the commemorative  
23 work under this section (including the maintenance  
24 and preservation amount required by section  
25 8906(b)(1) of title 40, United States Code), there

1 remains a balance of funds received for the estab-  
2 lishment of the commemorative work, the National  
3 Medal of Honor Museum Foundation shall transmit  
4 the amount of the balance to the Secretary of the  
5 Interior for deposit in the account provided for in  
6 section 8906(b)(3) of title 40, United States Code.

7 (2) ON EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—If upon  
8 expiration of the authority for the commemorative  
9 work under section 8903(e) of title 40, United  
10 States Code, there remains a balance of funds re-  
11 ceived for the establishment of the commemorative  
12 work, the National Medal of Honor Museum Foun-  
13 dation shall transmit the amount of the balance to  
14 a separate account with the National Park Founda-  
15 tion for memorials, to be available to the Secretary  
16 of the Interior or Administrator (as appropriate) fol-  
17 lowing the process provided in section 8906(b)(4) of  
18 title 40, United States Code, for accounts estab-  
19 lished under 8906(b)(2) or (3) of title 40, United  
20 States Code.

21 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The national museum to honor  
23 Medal of Honor recipients to be located in Arlington,  
24 Texas, shall, upon completion, be known and designated  
25 as the “National Medal of Honor Museum”.

1           (b) EFFECT OF DESIGNATION.—The national mu-  
2 seum designated by this section shall not be a unit of the  
3 National Park System and the designation of the National  
4 Medal of Honor Museum shall not require or authorize  
5 Federal funds to be expended for any purpose related to  
6 that national museum.

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