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To authorize the establishment of memorials to the Wisconsin infantry officers and enlisted men who fought in the Battle of Antietam and the Second Battle of Bull Run, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2026

Mr. FITZGERALD (for himself, Mr. STEIL, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. TIFFANY, and Mr. WIED) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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. ESTABLISHMENT OF WISCONSIN MEMORIALS**

4 **AT ANTIETAM AND MANASSAS.**

5 (a) MEMORIALS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of the
6 Interior (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”)
7 shall authorize the establishment of—

1 (1) at a suitable location approved by the Sec-
2 retary within the boundaries of Antietam National
3 Battlefield, a memorial to the officers and enlisted
4 men of the Second, Third, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh
5 Wisconsin Infantry Regiments who fought in the
6 Battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862; and

7 (2) at a suitable location approved by the Sec-
8 retary within the boundaries of Manassas National
9 Battlefield Park, a memorial to the officers and en-
10 listed men of the Second, Sixth, and Seventh Wis-
11 consin Infantry Regiments who fought in the Second
12 Battle of Bull Run on August 28–30, 1862.

13 (b) AUTHORIZED ENTITY.—The Secretary shall se-
14 lect the persons who may establish each of the memorials
15 authorized by subsection (a).

16 (c) DESIGN APPROVALS.—The size, design, and in-
17 scriptions of the memorials authorized by subsection (a)
18 shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary.

19 (d) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR
20 ESTABLISHMENT.—No Federal funds may be expended to
21 design the memorials authorized by subsection (a), to ac-
22 quire the memorials, to prepare the site selected for the
23 memorials, or to install the memorials.

24 (e) SUSPENSION FOR MISREPRESENTATION IN
25 FUNDRAISING.—The Secretary may suspend the authority

1 of the persons selected under subsection (b) to establish
2 the memorials authorized by subsection (a) if the Sec-
3 retary determines that fundraising efforts relating to the
4 memorials have misrepresented an affiliation with the me-
5 morials or the Federal Government.

6 (f) ANNUAL REPORT.—Until each memorial author-
7 ized by subsection (a) is installed, the persons selected
8 under subsection (b) to establish that memorial shall sub-
9 mit to the Secretary an annual report of operations related
10 to fundraising efforts for the memorial and progress on
11 the establishment of the memorial.

12 (g) MAINTENANCE.—Upon installation of each me-
13 morial authorized by subsection (a), the Secretary shall
14 assume responsibility for the maintenance of that memo-
15 rial. The Secretary may accept contributions for the main-
16 tenance of the memorials from the persons selected under
17 subsection (b) to establish the memorials and from other
18 persons. Amounts accepted under this subsection shall be
19 merged with other funds available to the Secretary for the
20 maintenance of the memorials and credited to a separate
21 account with the National Park Foundation.

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