^{111TH CONGRESS} **H. R. 2788**

AN ACT

- To designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum 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,

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the "Distinguished Flying3 Cross National Memorial Act".

4 SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
5 NATIONAL MEMORIAL IN RIVERSIDE, CALI6 FORNIA.

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

8 (1) The most reliable statistics regarding the 9 number of members of the Armed Forces who have 10 been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross indi-11 cate that 126,318 members of the Armed Forces re-12 ceived the medal during World War II, approxi-13 mately 21,000 members received the medal during 14 the Korean conflict, and 21,647 members received 15 the medal during the Vietnam War. Since the end 16 of the Vietnam War, more than 203 Armed Forces members have received the medal in times of con-17 18 flict.

(2) The National Personnel Records Center in
St. Louis, Missouri, burned down in 1973, and thus
many more recipients of the Distinguished Flying
Cross may be undocumented. Currently, the Department of Defense continues to locate and identify
members of the Armed Forces who have received the
medal and are undocumented.

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1	(3) The United States currently lacks a na-
2	tional memorial dedicated to the bravery and sac-
3	rifice of those members of the Armed Forces who
4	have distinguished themselves by heroic deeds per-
5	formed in aerial flight.
6	(4) An appropriate memorial to current and
7	former members of the Armed Forces is under con-
8	struction at March Field Air Museum in Riverside,
9	California.
10	(5) This memorial will honor all those members
11	of the Armed Forces who have distinguished them-
12	selves in aerial flight, whether documentation of
13	such members who earned the Distinguished Flying
14	Cross exists or not.
15	(b) DESIGNATION.—The memorial to members of the
16	Armed Forces who have been awarded the Distinguished
17	Flying Cross that is under construction at March Field
18	Air Museum in Riverside, California, is hereby designated
19	as the Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial.
20	(c) EFFECT OF DESIGNATION.—The national memo-
21	rial designated by this section is not a unit of the National
22	Park System, and the designation of the national memo-
23	rial shall not be construed to require or permit Federal

1 funds to be expended for any purpose related to the na-

2 tional memorial.

Passed the House of Representatives March 19, 2010.

Attest:

Clerk.

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