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**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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Gregg

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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Whereas, On May 25, 1993, President Clinton signed Public Law 103-32 authorizing the American Battle Monuments Commission to establish a World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.;

Whereas, This memorial will be the first national memorial dedicated to all those who served during World War II and to the commitment and achievement of the entire nation;

Whereas, The memorial will honor the 16.5 million men and women who served in the U.S. armed forces during World War II, 406,000 of whom gave their life for their country;

Whereas, The memorial will honor the spirit, sacrifice, and commitment of the American people in the defense of the nation and the causes of peace and freedom throughout the world;

Whereas, The memorial will "stand as an important symbol of American national unity, a timeless reminder of the moral strength and awesome power that can flow when a free people are at once united and bonded together in a common and just cause";



Whereas, The proposed National World War II Memorial will be built on the Rainbow Pool site at the east end of the Reflecting Pool between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument, a site that was dedicated by President Clinton during a formal ceremony on Veterans Day, 1995;

Whereas, Construction of the \$100 million memorial is funded almost entirely by private contributions and is scheduled to begin on Veterans Day, 2000;

Whereas, Although most of the funds are to be collected from private sources, the commission has asked each state to contribute \$1 for each citizen who served during World War II;

Whereas, All states have responded to this request except two - Indiana and Wyoming;

Whereas, The citizens of Indiana realize the great debt that is owed to the World War II veterans, as indicated by a single donation of \$38,000 by an Indianapolis veterans organization to be applied to the construction of the monument; and

Whereas, It is fitting and proper that the state of Indiana contribute the requested funds to the American Battle Monuments Commission for the construction of the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly will in the next
2 budget year appropriate the funds to fulfill the requested contribution
3 of one dollar (\$1) for each Indiana resident who fought in World War
4 II to be used to construct the National World War II Memorial in
5 Washington, D.C.

6 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
7 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to General Fred
8 Woerner, United States Army (Ret), chairman of the American Battle



1 Monuments Commission.



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