

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1533*

Short Title: National W.W. II Memorial Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Edwards, Justus; Barefoot, Cole, Davis, Dedmon, Goodwin, Jeffus, Mitchell, Setzer, Smith, Thomas, Wainwright, and Warner.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 16, 2000

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DIVISION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
3 TO FUND THE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION OF THE STATE OF NORTH
4 CAROLINA TOWARD THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NATIONAL WORLD
5 WAR II MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Whereas, on May 25, 1992, Public Law 103-32 authorized the American Battle Monuments Commission to establish a World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., or its environs as the first national memorial dedicated to all who served during World War II and acknowledging the commitment and achievement of the entire nation; and

Whereas, the Memorial, which will honor the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the United States during World War II, the more than 400,000 who died, and the millions who supported the war effort from home, will be constructed at the east end of the Reflecting Pool between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument and will be constructed using \$100,000,000 of donated funds; and

Whereas, the American Battle Monuments Commission, first established in 1923, and currently made up of distinguished Americans, challenged the states to voluntarily contribute \$1.00 for each resident who served during World War II; and

Whereas, according to the records of the United States Veterans Administration, of the more than 392,000 who served during World War II from this State, the 6,367 North

Carolínians killed in action had made the ultimate sacrifice toward ensuring freedom throughout the world and should be honored at a national World War II Memorial; and Whereas, as of May, 1999, 22 other states have already appropriated their voluntary contributions toward the construction of the national World War II Memorial; Now, therefore,

1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

2 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
3 Veterans Affairs the sum of three hundred ninety-two thousand dollars (\$392,000) for the
4 2000-2001 fiscal year to fund the voluntary contribution of the State of North Carolina
5 toward the construction of the national World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

6 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2000.