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An act making a supplemental appropriation; providing an appropriation to help fund the building of the National World War II Memorial; providing an effective date.

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WHEREAS, the American Battle Monuments Commission was authorized to establish a National World War II Memorial in our nation's capital by Public Law Number 103-32, and

WHEREAS, the memorial will honor the 16 million men and women who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II, the 406,000 who died, and the millions who supported the war effort from home, and

WHEREAS, the memorial will be a monument to the spirit, sacrifice, and commitment of the Americans to the common defense of the nation and to the broader causes of peace and freedom from tyranny throughout the world, and

WHEREAS, the memorial will inspire future generations of Americans, deepening their appreciation of what the World War II generation accomplished in securing freedom and democracy, and

WHEREAS, in order to establish a World War II Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., the American Battle Monuments Commission is seeking contributions from the states in an amount equal to \$1 for each state resident who served in the Armed Forces during World War II, and

WHEREAS, most states have already introduced legislation to participate in this "dollar-per-veteran" campaign, and an ever-increasing number of states have subsequently passed that legislation to provide for their 31 portion of the funds sought under the campaign, and

1 WHEREAS, it is estimated that 248,000 veterans were 2 residents of Florida when they served in World War II and 3 3,174 of these veterans lost their lives defending freedom, 4 and 5 WHEREAS, it is estimated that almost 600,000 veterans 6 of World War II proudly call Florida home, and 7 WHEREAS, it is fitting, proper, and an honor for the 8 State of Florida to contribute its portion to the national 9 campaign for such memorial, NOW, THEREFORE, 10 11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 12 13 The sum of \$248,000 is appropriated from Section 1. 14 the General Revenue Fund to the American Battle Monuments 15 Commission for deposit into the National World War II Memorial 16 Fund for the purpose of helping to fund the building of the 17 National World War II Memorial on the National Mall in 18 Washington, D.C. 19 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000. 20 21 22 SENATE SUMMARY 23 Provides an appropriation to the American Battle Monuments Commission for deposit into the National World War II Memorial Fund for the purpose of helping to fund the building of the National World War II Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31