

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 320

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 31, 2011

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

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 Flying
3 Cross National Memorial Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS**
5 **NATIONAL MEMORIAL IN RIVERSIDE, CALI-**
6 **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
17 members have received the medal in times of con-
18 flict.

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

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, located at March Field Air Museum in Riv-
18 erside, California, is hereby designated as the Distin-
19 guished 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 October 24,
2011.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.