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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a national World War I memorial should be established.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the year 2014 marks the centennial of World War I, often referred to as the “Great War”;

Whereas the National Mall is home to national memorials for major conflicts involving the United States during the 20th century, including the World War II Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, but is not home to a national World War I Memorial;

Whereas the District of Columbia War Memorial, managed by the National Park Service, was dedicated to the more than 26,000 residents of the District of Columbia who, without a vote in Congress, served bravely in World War I, including 499 who were killed;

Whereas a national memorial dedicated to all Americans who served in World War I should be located in the Nation’s capital, in a well-traveled area commensurate with the importance of World War I in the history of the United States;

Whereas members of Congress and other Americans desire to establish a commission to ensure a suitable observance of the World War I centennial; and

Whereas the National Park Service, the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission, and the American Battle Monuments Commission have specifically determined that either adding a new national World War I memorial in the vicinity of the District of Columbia War Memorial or re-designating the District of Columbia War Memorial as a National World War I Memorial would violate chapter 89 of title 40, United States Code (commonly known as the “Commemorative Works Act”): Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 representatives that—

3 (1) the District of Columbia War Memorial
4 should remain a memorial dedicated solely to the
5 residents of the District of Columbia who served in
6 World War I; and

7 (2) a Congressionally authorized study or com-
8 mission should determine a proper location for a na-
9 tional memorial dedicated to all Americans who
10 served in World War I.

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