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To designate the Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus, Ohio, as the National Veterans Memorial and Museum, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STIVERS (for himself, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. LATTA, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. DAVIDSON, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. TURNER, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. RENACCI, and Mr. JORDAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To designate the Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus, Ohio, as the National Veterans Memorial and Museum, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “National Veterans Me-  
5       morial and Museum Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7       (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1           (1) The Veterans Memorial and Museum is a  
2       civic landmark and cultural institution being built in  
3       Columbus, Ohio, to honor, connect, inspire and edu-  
4       cate all Americans about the service and sacrifice of  
5       more than 40,000,000 veterans, over half of whom  
6       are living today, and 1,100,000 fallen who have  
7       bravely defended the freedoms enjoyed by all citizens  
8       of the United States of America.

9           (2) The Veterans Memorial and Museum is the  
10      only public museum of its kind that exists for the  
11      exclusive purpose of interpreting the collective expe-  
12      riences of veterans of the United States of America  
13      across all eras, conflicts, and branches of the mili-  
14      tary.

15          (3) The Veterans Memorial and Museum would  
16      attract and educate a diverse group of audiences  
17      from across the country through its visitor-centered,  
18      interactive, and participatory exhibits.

19          (4) The Veterans Memorial and Museum would  
20      work to help bridge the military-civilian gap that has  
21      increasingly isolated veterans and their families and  
22      often made the journey from civilian to soldier back  
23      to civilian more difficult to navigate.

24          (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
25      gress that—

1           (1) the Veterans Memorial and Museum will  
2       preserve the stories and legacy of service so that  
3       visitors can conduct a critical evaluation of the his-  
4       tory and evolution of our country as seen through  
5       the lens of the military experience;

6           (2) the Veterans Memorial and Museum will in-  
7       spire civilians to serve their communities and coun-  
8       try as active and engaged citizens;

9           (3) the Veterans Memorial and Museum will be  
10      a beacon for all veterans, veteran families, and civil-  
11      ians of this country to ensure that the sacrifices of  
12      America’s service men and women are a guarantee  
13      to posterity;

14          (4) the State of Ohio, Franklin County, and  
15      many more private individuals, foundations, and cor-  
16      porations have contributed millions of dollars to de-  
17      sign and construct this national destination, which  
18      broke ground in December 2015; and

19          (5) it is fitting and proper to refer to the Vet-  
20      erans Memorial and Museum in Columbus, Ohio, as  
21      the “National Veterans Memorial and Museum”.

1 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL VETERANS MEMORIAL**  
2 **AND MUSEUM.**

3 (a) DESIGNATION.—The Veterans Memorial and Mu-  
4 seum is hereby designated as the “National Veterans Me-  
5 morial and Museum”.

6 (b) VETERANS MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM DE-  
7 FINED.—In this section, the term “Veterans Memorial  
8 and Museum” means the memorial and museum that is,  
9 as of the date of the enactment of this Act, being con-  
10 structed on an approximately 7-acre area on West Broad  
11 Street, Columbus, Ohio, bounded by the Scioto River and  
12 the Scioto Greenway.

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