

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 118

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A RESOLUTION

To commend the National World War II Museum on its accomplishment and merit in portraying the strength and sacrifice of our veterans of that era.

WHEREAS, the museum was originally founded as the National D-Day Museum in 2000 and later designated by Congress as the National World War II Museum in 2004; and

WHEREAS, the museum immerses visitors in America's wartime experience, portraying all major campaigns of the war on land, at sea, and in the air as well as important contributions on the home front; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, the museum has welcomed over eight million visitors, including almost one million students and teachers primarily from Louisiana, and has become one of the nation's leading cultural institutions; and

WHEREAS, beyond its New Orleans campus, the museum has reached over six hundred thousand students through distance learning programs and over four thousand teachers through training held onsite and across the country; and

WHEREAS, the museum is ranked as the top attraction in New Orleans, the number three museum in the United States, and number eight museum in the world by Trip Advisor; and

WHEREAS, the National World War II Museum has generated over two billion dollars in economic impact for the region and raised nearly four hundred million dollars to expand from a single exhibit hall to a six-acre campus, with six completed pavilions and a first-of-its-kind hotel and conference center; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the museum opened the Hall of Democracy to dramatically enhance its capacity to serve as an educational gateway for audiences across the country and world through its media auditorium, editing studio, distance learning studio, and historical research library; and

WHEREAS, the museum continues to expand its physical footprint through the construction of the Bollinger Canopy of Peace, a magnificent steel architectural sculpture that will unify the campus and establish the museum as a fixture on the New Orleans skyline; and

WHEREAS, the museum also continues to focus on expanding its educational mission in new and exciting ways by expanding its traveling exhibits program to bring world-class exhibits to additional communities across the country, offering new conferences and symposia, creating a new scholarship on World War II history, and producing innovative new digital content; and

WHEREAS, the National World War II Museum proudly accepts the vital mission of sharing the story of the American experience in the war that changed the world, so that all generations will understand the true cost of freedom, be inspired by what they learn, and ensure that the legacies and lessons of those who secured our nation's freedom are never forgotten.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the National World War II Museum on its accomplishment and merit in portraying the strength and sacrifice of our veterans of that era.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president and chief executive officer of the National World War II Museum.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE