

1 WHEREAS, President George Herbert Walker Bush ordered United States troops
2 from all branches of service and their allied forces to bring all military resources to dislodge
3 the Iraqi forces from the independent nation of Kuwait; and

4 WHEREAS, in a mere forty-three days of actual combat, the allied forces were
5 victorious over the invading Iraqis, and returned Kuwait to self-rule; and

6 WHEREAS, at the time, President Bush stated that "during Operation Desert Storm
7 our troops served with valor and honor to defend what was right and just"; and

8 WHEREAS, the president also expressed his hope that the sacrifices of the troops
9 who gave their lives on the field of battle, in addition to those who were injured in this
10 endeavor and all those who fought so valiantly to free the people of Kuwait from occupation
11 by Iraq would not be forgotten by a grateful nation; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2014, Congress passed and President Obama signed into law on
13 December 19, 2014, the "National Operation Desert Storm War Memorial Act", which
14 authorizes the National Desert Storm Memorial Association, a private group of citizens, to
15 establish a commemorative work on federal land in the District of Columbia; and

16 WHEREAS, upon being selected to act as honorary chairman of the association,
17 President George H. W. Bush stated that "as president there is no more solemn duty than
18 sending men and women to war", and that he was pleased and honored to work with this
19 group to ensure that those who served in Operation Desert Storm would be remembered by
20 the people of the United States forever; and

21 WHEREAS, the memorial is planned for the northwest corner of the National Mall,
22 steps from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and in the shadow of the Lincoln Memorial; and

23 WHEREAS, the memorial will be built at a cost expected to be at least twenty-five
24 million dollars of private funds and maintained solely with private funds before reverting to
25 the ownership of the federal government and maintenance by the National Parks Service;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, the memorial will commemorate and honor those American troops who
28 fought, died, and were injured in this wholly defensive mission to drive Iraqi forces from the
29 independent country of Kuwait, serving as a permanent memorial to all who participated in
30 freeing the people of Kuwait.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
2 commemorate the twenty-sixth anniversary of the conclusion of Operation Desert Storm.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
4 indicate support for a National Desert Storm War Memorial in Washington, D.C.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Scott
6 Stump, the chief executive officer and president of the National Desert Storm Memorial
7 Association.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

DIGEST

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Commemorates the 26th anniversary of the successful conclusion of Operation Desert Storm and expresses support for the building of a memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. by the National Desert Storm Memorial Association.