

2021 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 118

BY SENATOR MILLIGAN

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and congratulates the National World War II Museum on its accomplishment and merit in portraying the strength and sacrifice of our veterans and Americans of that era.

1 A RESOLUTION

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

4 WHEREAS, the museum was originally founded as the National D-Day Museum in
5 2000 and later designated by Congress as the National World War II Museum in 2004; and

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

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

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

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

18 WHEREAS, the National World War II Museum has generated over two billion

1 dollars in economic impact for the region and raised nearly four hundred million dollars to
2 expand from a single exhibit hall to a six-acre campus, with six completed pavilions and a
3 first-of-its-kind hotel and conference center; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Matt DeVille.

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