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# H. R. 4492

To amend title 39, United States Code, to provide for the issuance of a semipostal in order to afford the public a convenient way to contribute to funding for the establishment of the World War II Memorial.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 18, 2000

Ms. LOFGREN (for herself, Mr. HYDE, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. STUMP, Mr. EVANS, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. MOAKLEY, Mr. REGULA, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. FILNER, Mr. GILMAN, and Mr. SHAYS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

# A BILL

To amend title 39, United States Code, to provide for the issuance of a semipostal in order to afford the public a convenient way to contribute to funding for the establishment of the World War II Memorial.

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. SEMIPOSTAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
4 THE WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL.

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of title 39, United  
6 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 414 the  
7 following:

1     **“§ 414a. Special postage stamp for the establishment**

2                   **of the World War II Memorial**

3               “(a) In order to afford the public a convenient way  
4 to contribute to funding for the establishment of the  
5 World War II Memorial, the Postal Service shall establish  
6 a special rate of postage for first-class mail under this sec-  
7 tion.

8               “(b) The rate of postage established under this  
9 section—

10               “(1) shall be equal to the regular first-class rate  
11 of postage, plus a differential of not to exceed 25  
12 percent;

13               “(2) shall be set by the Governors in accord-  
14 ance with such procedures as the Governors shall by  
15 regulation prescribe (in lieu of the procedures under  
16 chapter 36); and

17               “(3) shall be offered as an alternative to the  
18 regular first-class rate of postage.

19 The use of the special rate of postage established under  
20 this section shall be voluntary on the part of postal pa-  
21 trons.

22               “(c)(1) Amounts becoming available for the establish-  
23 ment of the World War II Memorial pursuant to this sec-  
24 tion shall be paid to the American Battle Monuments  
25 Commission. Payments under this section shall be made  
26 under such arrangements as the Postal Service shall by

1 mutual agreement with the American Battle Monuments  
2 Commission establish in order to carry out the purposes  
3 of this section, except that, under those arrangements,  
4 payments to such Commission shall be made at least twice  
5 a year.

6       “(2) For purposes of this section, the term ‘amounts  
7 becoming available for the establishment of the World War  
8 II Memorial pursuant to this section’ means—

9           “(A) the total amounts received by the Postal  
10 Service that it would not have received but for the  
11 enactment of this section, reduced by

12           “(B) an amount sufficient to cover reasonable  
13 costs incurred by the Postal Service in carrying out  
14 this section, including those attributable to the  
15 printing, sale, and distribution of stamps under this  
16 section,

17 as determined by the Postal Service under regulations that  
18 it shall prescribe.

19       “(d) It is the sense of the Congress that nothing in  
20 this section should—

21           “(1) directly or indirectly cause a net decrease  
22 in total Federal funding received by the American  
23 Battle Monuments Commission below the level that  
24 would otherwise have been received but for the en-  
25 actment of this section; or

1           “(2) affect regular first-class rates of postage  
2        or any other regular rates of postage.

3           “(e) Special postage stamps under this section shall  
4        be made available to the public beginning on such date  
5        as the Postal Service shall by regulation prescribe, but in  
6        no event later than 90 days after the date of the enact-  
7        ment of this section or, if earlier, November 11, 2000  
8        (Veterans Day).

9           “(f) The Postmaster General shall include in each re-  
10       port rendered under section 2402 with respect to any pe-  
11       riod during any portion of which this section is in effect  
12       information concerning the operation of this section, ex-  
13       cept that, at a minimum, each shall include—

14           “(1) the total amount described in subsection  
15        (c)(2)(A) which was received by the Postal Service  
16       during the period covered by such report; and

17           “(2) of the amount under paragraph (1), how  
18        much (in the aggregate and by category) was re-  
19       quired for the purposes described in subsection  
20       (c)(2)(B).

21           “(g) This section shall cease to be effective upon the  
22        determination of the Postmaster General (in consultation  
23        with the American Battle Monuments Commission) that  
24        the Commission has or will have the funds necessary to  
25        pay all expenses of the establishment of the World War

1 II Memorial. Any excess funds shall be deposited in the  
2 fund within the Treasury of the United States created by  
3 section 2113 of title 36 and may be used for any of the  
4 purposes allowable under such section.

5        “(h) As used in this section, the term ‘World War  
6 II Memorial’ refers to the memorial the construction of  
7 which is authorized by Public Law 103–32.”.

8        (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) The analysis  
9 for chapter 4 of title 39, United States Code, is amended  
10 by striking the item relating to section 414 and inserting  
11 the following:

“414. Special postage stamps to benefit breast cancer research.

"414a. Special postage stamps for the establishment of the World War II Memorial.".

12 (2) The heading for section 414 of title 39, United  
13 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

14 “§ 414. Special postage stamps to benefit breast can-  
15 cer research”.

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