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The bill also provides that the selection of a site for, design of, and plans for the construction of the memorial shall be subject to approval of the National Commission of Fine Arts and the National Capital Planning Commission. This is standard procedure. Upon completion of the memorial, it is to be turned over to the Department of the Interior who will then be responsible for its maintenance.

The legislation further stipulates that funds for the memorial shall be appropriated for any fiscal year beginning on or after October 1, 1985.
Dear Colleague:

Today, I introduced legislation to address a grave disservice which has been done to a large group of Americans -- a group of 5.7 million American Citizens who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during the Korean War.

In that war, 54,236 Americans made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and the ideals of freedom and self-determination -- the ideals which form the foundation upon which this nation rests and from which it gets its sustenance. In addition to those who gave their lives during the Korean War, 103,248 were wounded and 5,178 were either captured or were missing in action.

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This brave group of Americans, of which many of us are members, has been leapfrogged by time and it is up to those of us serving in the Congress to rectify the situation. I would, therefore, urge you to join as a cosponsor of this legislation.

If you are interested in cosponsoring the Korean War Veterans Memorial Act of 1985, please contact Mark Robertson of my staff at 5-4376.

Sincerely,

Stan Parris
Mr. Chairman,

A great disservice has been done to a very large segment of our population -- a group of 5.7 million American citizens who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during the Korean War. I am proud to be a member of this distinguished group as, I am sure, are many of my colleagues in this chamber.

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Mr. Chairman, it is incredible to note that there is not a yet a memorial in the Nation's Capital to the veterans of the Korean War. The only group of war veterans not to be so honored.
The disservice done to these fine Americans has been permitted to go unremedied for over 30 years, and I have introduced legislation to see to it that it is not permitted to go on any longer.

The legislation which I have introduced seeks to authorize the erection of a memorial by the American Battle Monuments Commission to honor all those who served in the Korean War; particularly those who were killed in action, listed as missing in action or were held as prisoners of war.

Mr. Chairman, this brave group of Americans has been leapfrogged by time and it is up to those of us serving in Congress to rectify the situation. I would, therefore, urge my colleagues to join in support of this very important resolution.
To authorize the erection of a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in the Korean war.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 21, 1985

Mr. Parris

A BILL

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
SECTION 1 SHORT TITLE.
This Act may be cited as the "Korean War Veterans Memorial Act of 1985."

SECTION 2 ERECTION OF MEMORIAL.
The American Battle Monuments Commission is authorized to provide for the erection of a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in the Korean war, particularly those who were killed in action, listed as missing in action, or were held as prisoners of war.

SECTION 3 MAINTENANCE OF MEMORIAL.
Upon completion of the Memorial, it shall be turned over from the American Battle Monuments Commission to the Department of the Interior. Maintenance of said Memorial shall then be the sole responsibility of the Department of the Interior.

SECTION 4 APPROVAL OF SITE SELECTION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION PLANS.
Selection of a site for, design of, and plans for the construction of such memorial shall be subject to the approval of the National Commission of Fine Arts and the National Capital Planning Commission.

SECTION 4 AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.
There are hereby authorized to be appropriated for any fiscal year beginning on or after October 1, 1985, such funds as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.