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# S. 535

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 2 (legislative day, MARCH 1), 2021

Ms. ERNST (for herself, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Global War on Ter-  
5 rorism Memorial Location Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM MEMO-**  
2 **RIAL.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

4 (1) approaching 2 decades after the September  
5 11, 2001, attacks against the United States, the  
6 United States continues the Global War on Ter-  
7 rorism, at great personal cost to—

8 (A) the men and women serving on active  
9 duty in the Armed Forces; and

10 (B) the individuals on whose support those  
11 men and women depend to fulfill their duties;

12 (2) civil servants from Federal departments and  
13 agencies, the intelligence community, local emer-  
14 gency responders, and other civilian support per-  
15 sonnel have made significant sacrifices in service in  
16 the Global War on Terrorism;

17 (3) honoring the losses endured by the individ-  
18 uals described in paragraphs (1) and (2), together  
19 with their families, Congress in 2017 unanimously  
20 passed, and the President signed, the Global War on  
21 Terrorism War Memorial Act (Public Law 115–51;  
22 40 U.S.C. 8903 note), which allowed the Global War  
23 on Terrorism Memorial Foundation to establish on  
24 Federal land in the District of Columbia a memorial  
25 to the fallen of that conflict; and

1           (4) given the significance of the Global War on  
2           Terrorism as the longest-running conflict in United  
3           States history and the magnitude of the sacrifice in-  
4           volved in operations in that conflict, it is appropriate  
5           to locate the National Global War on Terrorism Me-  
6           morial within the Reserve alongside existing memo-  
7           rials to the major armed conflicts of the United  
8           States.

9           (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10           (1) MEMORIAL.—The term “Memorial” means  
11           the National Global War on Terrorism Memorial au-  
12           thorized by subsection (c)(1).

13           (2) RESERVE.—The term “Reserve” has the  
14           meaning given the term in section 8902(a) of title  
15           40, United States Code.

16           (c) LOCATION OF MEMORIAL.—

17           (1) AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding section  
18           8908(c) of title 40, United States Code, the Global  
19           War on Terrorism Memorial Foundation may estab-  
20           lish the National Global War on Terrorism Memorial  
21           within the Reserve.

22           (2) LOCATION.—The Memorial shall be located  
23           at 1 of the following sites, as identified in, and in  
24           accordance with, the document commonly known as  
25           the “Memorials and Museums Master Plan”:

1 (A) Potential Site 1—Constitution Gar-  
2 dens, Prime Candidate Site 10 in The Memo-  
3 rials and Museums Master Plan.

4 (B) Potential Site 2—JFK Hockey Fields,  
5 Prime Candidate Site 18 in The Memorials and  
6 Museums Master Plan.

7 (C) Potential Site 3—West Potomac Park,  
8 Candidate Site 70 in The Memorials and Muse-  
9 ums Master Plan.

10 (3) COMMEMORATIVE WORKS ACT.—Except as  
11 otherwise provided in paragraphs (1) and (2), chap-  
12 ter 89 of title 40, United States Code (commonly  
13 known as the “Commemorative Works Act”), shall  
14 apply to the Memorial.

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