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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 30, 2026

Mr. MILLS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

RESOLUTION

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Whereas, on September 11, 2001, the United States of America was attacked by radical Islamic terrorists, triggering the longest continuous military conflict in the history of the Nation;

Whereas, for over 20 years, more than 2,700,000 brave American men and women voluntarily deployed into harm's way across the globe, including Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Somalia, and the Horn of Africa, to protect the homeland and eliminate terrorist threats;

Whereas this multigenerational conflict resulted in the tragic loss of over 7,000 members of the United States Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice, left tens of thousands more with permanent visible and invisible wounds of war, and profoundly impacted Gold Star families who carry the heavy burden of that sacrifice every single day;

Whereas a national military memorial on the National Mall in the District of Columbia must serve as an enduring, sacred testament to the raw courage, unmatched lethality, and deep physical sacrifice of the warrior class;

Whereas military monuments of past generations, such as the Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima), the Korean War Veterans Memorial, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, are revered precisely because they explicitly portray the service, faces, names, and concrete realities of the men and women who fought;

Whereas the initial design concept unveiled by the Global War on Terrorism Memorial Foundation on June 10, 2026, relies heavily on abstract architectural features, natural landscaping, and interpretive water elements; and

Whereas an abstract, landscape-centric concept falls short of the enduring tribute that the post-9/11 generation of veterans earned through blood, sweat, and tears, and fails to adequately communicate the stark, unyielding reality of their 20-year fight against global terrorism to future generations of Americans: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 representatives that—

3 (1) the current abstract design concept for the
4 National Global War on Terrorism Memorial fails to
5 deliver the proper honor that Global War on Ter-
6 rorism veterans and Gold Star families rightfully de-
7 serve;

8 (2) a national war memorial must not prioritize
9 passive artistic reflection over the explicit, unmistak-
10 able depiction of military service, valor, and combat
11 sacrifice;

12 (3) the Global War on Terrorism Memorial
13 Foundation, the Commission of Fine Arts, and the
14 National Capital Planning Commission should reject
15 or substantially modify any design proposal that ob-
16 scures the warrior ethos in favor of contemporary
17 landscape architecture; and

18 (4) the final design of the Global War on Ter-
19 rorism Memorial must clearly, powerfully, and visi-
20 bly showcase the tremendous physical sacrifice, com-
21 bat gear, and collective efforts of the brave men and
22 women who fought the Global War on Terrorism,
23 ensuring their legacy is preserved with the dignity
24 and historical clarity it commands.

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