STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 47th Legislature (2000)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1863___ By: Easley

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state government; stating legislative intent to honor persons who served in World War II; providing for certain funds to be made available for the World War II memorial; directing the Department of Veterans Affairs to collect contributions; directing payment of certain funds; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 8301 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. It is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature to honor all individuals and specifically Oklahomans who served in the armed forces of the United States during World War II, the many who died, and those who supported the war effort from home by committing to contribute to the construction of a World War II memorial to be located in Washington D.C.

B. If funds are made available for such purpose, the Department of Veterans Affairs shall provide an amount of not less than Two Hundred Sixty Five Thousand Dollars ($265,000.00) to the World War II memorial, which represents approximately One Dollar ($1.00) for every person from Oklahoma who served in the war.

C. The Department may accept contributions of money on behalf of Oklahoma World War II veterans to meet the state's commitment as set forth in subsection B of this section for the construction of the World War II memorial. The Department may request contributions from the Oklahoma Historical Society, the Oklahoma Tourism and

Recreation Department, the State Regents for Higher Education, the Department of Human Services, and any other state agency the Department deems appropriate.

D. The Department shall pay the money collected or credited for the purpose of the World War II memorial to the American Battle Monuments Commission for the construction of a memorial on federal land in the District of Columbia to honor members of the United State armed forces who served in World War II.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2000.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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