118. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LIPINSKI OF ILLINOIS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1540, AS REPORTED

OFFERED BY MR. LIPINSKI OF ILLINOIS

Page 531, after line 2, insert the following:

SEC. 1099C. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A KOREAN WAR NATIONAL MUSEUM.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The Korean War was fought between the Republic of Korea, with the assistance of 16 different nations including the United States, and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and People's Republic of China from June 1950 to July 1953.

(2) This conflict was prompted by the invasion of the Republic of Korea by the communist Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

(3) 5,700,000 Americans served during the war and 36,574 died in the conflict, making it the fifth deadliest war in United States history.

(4) 133 Congressional Medals of Honor were awarded for service during the conflict.

1 (5) The first integration of black and white
2 American members of the Armed Forces in combat
3 occurred during the Korean War.
4 (6) The first use of helicopters and the first air-
5 to-air combat between modern jets occurred during
6 the Korean War.
7 (7) There are currently an estimated 2,440,000
8 living American veterans of the Korean War.
9 (8) The United Nations deployed troops into
10 combat for the first time during the Korean War.
11 (9) The conflict marked the first armed strug-
12 gle between democracy and communism, as well as
13 the first time the advance of communism was halted.
14 (10) After the signing of the Armistice Agree-
15 ment on July 27, 1953, ending hostilities, there was
16 established the Demilitarized Zone, which has al-
17 lowed the Republic of Korea to grow into a dynamic
18 and stable democracy while situated on the border of
19 one of the least free countries in the modern world.
20 (11) An official national museum honoring the
21 conflict and all those who served does not currently
22 exist.
23 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
24 gress that—

(1) efforts to increase education and public awareness of the Korean War and to honor and promote gratitude for those who served in the Korean War should be encouraged;

(2) the people who have demonstrated leadership and spearheaded the development of a museum to promote awareness of the Korean War and honor those who served in it should be commended; and

(3) a national museum, to be located in Chicago, Illinois, should be established to—

(A) educate visitors on the service, sacrifices, and contributions of those who fought in Korea;

(B) honor Korean War veterans;

(C) preserve the legacy and history of the Korean War conflict; and

(D) celebrate the advances in democracy and freedom made by the people of the Republic of Korea.