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### **PATRIOT MEMORIAL LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS**

(Wash., D.C., May 11, 2011) On April 14, 2011 **Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton**, the Washington, D.C. representative in the U.S. House of Representatives introduced legislation to authorize the construction of the first National Patriot Memorial of the 21<sup>st</sup> Center and **the only national patriot memorial** in the U.S..

The **Patriot Memorial**, will honor patriots who fought in the American Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. Currently, this bill is in the House Committee on Natural Resources. Co-sponsors may be added to the legislation while in committee. The legislation needs 290 House co-sponsors and 67 Senate co-sponsors before it will come for a vote. This legislation is budget neutral and will not cost the taxpayer anything. This memorial seeks to help all Americans remember the American Wars of Independence, to stimulate a dialogue about patriots who fought for the American Wars of Independence, and to host an interesting collection of war-related items ranging from vintage weapons, artifacts, uniforms, and paintings to historical maps. The memorial will enhance the public's understanding of the meanings and enduring legacy of Patriotism, the American Revolution, the War of 1812 and the protection of historical resources associated with both Wars of Independence.

**Our mission, and passion, at the Benjamin Harrison Society** along with other organizations, and citizens is to lead the effort to complete a National Memorial that will honor the patriots of both wars of independence: The American Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and to inspire future generations with the Patriots, their stories, their leadership, integrity, life-long work ethic and self-improvement, and especially their total devotion to the values and processes of democracy. House legislation H.R. 1599 -- **to authorize the Benjamin Harrison Society to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor patriots who served in the armed forces or who contributed funds in support of the Wars of Independence, and our allies who fought in support of our Nation's freedom in the American Revolutionary War and the War of 1812** needs your support. More than 3500 citizens across America have visited the BHS website --and pledge their support of H.R. 1599--the Patriot Memorial.

Please visit the Patriot Memorial site to support H.R. 1599 and to encourage your member of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate to co-sponsor this historical legislation.

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