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 ESTAB-
LISHMENT OF A KOREAN WAR NATIONAL MU-
SEUM.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
ings:

(1) The Korean War was fought between the
Republic of Korea, with the assistance of 16 dif-
ferent 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 Demo-
cratic 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.
(5) The first integration of black and white American members of the Armed Forces in combat occurred during the Korean War.

(6) The first use of helicopters and the first air-to-air combat between modern jets occurred during the Korean War.

(7) There are currently an estimated 2,440,000 living American veterans of the Korean War.

(8) The United Nations deployed troops into combat for the first time during the Korean War.

(9) The conflict marked the first armed struggle between democracy and communism, as well as the first time the advance of communism was halted.

(10) After the signing of the Armistice Agreement on July 27, 1953, ending hostilities, there was established the Demilitarized Zone, which has allowed the Republic of Korea to grow into a dynamic and stable democracy while situated on the border of one of the least free countries in the modern world.

(11) An official national museum honoring the conflict and all those who served does not currently exist.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress 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.