

SENATE No. 2883

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)
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SENATE, July 31, 2020

The committee on Rules, to whom was referred the House Resolve establishing a Deborah Sampson memorial commission (House, No. 4179); reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2883.

For the committee,
Joan B. Lovely

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1 Resolved, that there shall be a special commission to investigate and report on a suitable
2 memorial to be erected in the state house to commemorate Deborah Samson, the official heroine
3 of the commonwealth.

4 The special commission shall: (i) promote public support for and education on the
5 importance of Deborah Samson to the War of Independence; (ii) identify a location for a suitable
6 memorial in the state house for Deborah Samson; and (iii) evaluate the public and private
7 resources available to erect and maintain the suitable memorial.

8 The commission shall consist of: the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on
9 veterans and federal affairs, who shall serve as co-chairs; 2 additional members of the house of
10 representatives, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house; 2 additional
11 members of the senate, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; the
12 commissioner of veterans' services or a designee; the adjutant general of the commonwealth or a
13 designee; and 7 members to be appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a female veteran,
14 1 of whom shall be a representative of the women veterans' network in the department of
15 veterans' services, 1 of whom shall be a representative of the advisory committee on women
16 veterans established under section 2 of chapter 115 of the General Laws, 1 of whom shall be a

17 representative of the Department of Massachusetts Veterans of Foreign Wars of The United
18 States, Inc., 1 of whom shall be a representative of The American Legion, Department of
19 Massachusetts Inc., 1 of whom shall be a representative of the AMVETS Department of
20 Massachusetts Service Foundation, Incorp. and 1 of whom shall be a representative of Disabled
21 American Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, Inc.

22 The commission shall submit a report of its investigation and recommendations,
23 including any drafts of legislation necessary to implement its recommendations, to the clerks of
24 the house of representatives and senate not later than March 31, 2021.