

HOUSE No. 4129

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Linda Dean Campbell and David T. Vieira

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying resolve:

Resolve establishing a Deborah Sampson memorial commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Linda Dean Campbell

15th Essex

David T. Vieira

3rd Barnstable

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By Representatives Campbell of Methuen and Vieira of Falmouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Linda Dean Campbell and David T. Vieira for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to a suitable memorial to commemorate Deborah Sampson. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

Resolve establishing a Deborah Sampson memorial commission.

1 **Resolved**, there is hereby established a special commission pursuant to section 2A of
2 chapter 4 of the General Laws for the purpose of making an investigation and study of a suitable
3 memorial to commemorate Deborah Sampson, a hero of the American Revolution who disguised
4 herself as a man and joined the Patriot forces, and the only woman to earn a full military pension
5 for participation in the Revolutionary army.

6 The commission shall consist of the chairs of the joint committee on veterans and federal
7 affairs, who shall serve as co-chairs; 1 member of the house of representatives appointed by the
8 speaker of the house; 1 member of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader
9 of the house; 1 member of the senate appointed by the senate president; 1 member of the senate
10 appointed by the minority leader of the senate; the secretary of the department of veterans'
11 services, or a designee; the adjutant general of the commonwealth, or a designee; and 7 members
12 appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a woman veteran, 1 of whom shall be a
13 representative of the women veterans' network in the department of veterans' services, 1 of

14 whom shall be a representative of the advisory committee on women veterans, established
15 pursuant to section 2 of chapter 115 of the General Laws, 1 of whom shall be a representative of
16 the Department of Massachusetts Veterans of Foreign Wars of The United States, Inc., 1 of
17 whom shall be a representative of The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, Inc., 1 of
18 whom shall be a representative of the AMVETS Department of Massachusetts Service
19 Foundation, Inc., and 1 of whom shall be a representative of the Disabled American Veterans,
20 Department of Massachusetts, Inc.

21 The commission shall report to the house of representatives and state senate the results of
22 the investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation
23 necessary to carry its recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house
24 on or before March 1, 2020.