

HOUSE No. 3698

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David T. Vieira and Linda Dean Campbell

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 Samson memorial commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Norman J. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/9/2021</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/31/2021</i>

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By Representatives Vieira of Falmouth and Campbell of Methuen, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 3698) of David T. Vieira, Linda Dean Campbell and others 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-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

Resolve establishing a Deborah Samson memorial commission.

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 183 days following enactment of this
25 resolve.