

Letters to the Editor

Support honoring the War of 1812:

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Your support is needed to pass a piece of legislation currently pending in Congress: the Star Spangled Banner Commemorative Coin Act. Please contact your legislators and urge their support.

This legislation (H.R. 2097 and S. 653) will help display national appreciation of the history of the War of 1812-some of which took place in the territory which is now Wisconsin.

If passed, this legislation authorizes the U.S. Mint to produce coins commemorating the bicentennial for the War of 1812 and the "Star Spangled Banner."

As you know, the War of 1812 was a pivotal time in our country's history. It was notable for the burning of Washington, D.C., (the White House), the development of our Navy, and many famous battles, including the Battle of New Orleans. It was during the Battle of Baltimore that Francis Scott Key penned the poem which became our "Star Spangled Banner" national anthem.

Two centuries later, the flag, the anthem and the legacies of the War of 1812 continue to inspire America. Let's prepare for 2012.