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H.B. No. 3835

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the operation and management of the Iwo Jima monument and museum by the Texas Historical Commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 442, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter B-2 to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER B-2. IWO JIMA MONUMENT AND MUSEUM

Sec. 442.065. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "monument and museum" means the Iwo Jima monument and museum at the Marine Military Academy in Harlingen, Texas.

Sec. 442.066. IWO JIMA MONUMENT AND MUSEUM; FUND. (a) To the extent authorized by law, the commission may enter into a contract with the nonprofit entity that owns the monument and museum to transfer to the commission the operation and management of the monument and museum.

(b) The contract authorized by this section must include provisions for:

(1) expanding, renovating, managing, maintaining, operating, or providing financial support for the monument and museum, including administration, construction and operation of a visitor center and related activities;

(2) preserving military documents, relics, and other items of historical interest;

(3) employing a director for the museum and other

1 employees the commission considers necessary to fulfill its duties
2 and responsibilities under the contract;

3 (4) accepting donations of money, property, and
4 historical relics; and

5 (5) acquiring property and historical relics with
6 funds available for that purpose.

7 (c) The Iwo Jiwa monument and museum fund is created as a
8 fund outside the state treasury. The commission shall administer
9 the fund but may contract with the nonprofit entity that owns the
10 monument and museum for administration of the fund. The fund
11 consists of:

12 (1) admissions revenue from the operation of the
13 monument and museum;

14 (2) sales revenue from the operation of the monument
15 and museum gift shop; and

16 (3) donations made to the commission for the monument
17 and museum.

18 (d) Money in the Iwo Jiwa monument and museum fund may be
19 spent without legislative appropriation and only to administer,
20 operate, preserve, repair, expand or otherwise maintain the
21 monument and museum.

22 (e) Interest and income from the assets of the Iwo Jiwa
23 monument and museum fund shall be credited to and deposited in the
24 fund.

25 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.