

A drive is under way to raise \$75,000 for a Bicentennial statue in Washington honoring a Hungarian-born soldier who lost his life in the American Revolution. The statue, to be erected next year, will also honor the thousands of men and women of Hungarian birth who later came to the United States to help build the new nation.

A model of the statue of Col. Michael Kovats de Fabriczi was displayed at a Capitol Hill party recently. It showed the soldier on a bucking horse, holding the flag of the American Revolution high in battle.

Kovats offered his services to Benjamin Franklin, who took him to George Washington. Washington appointed Kovats commander of a number of cavalry units that fought in the Revolution. He died in the Battle of South Carolina in 1779.

The artist is Hungarian-born Paul Takacs, now of Silver Spring. He came to the United States from Hungary in 1957 because, he said, of the lack of freedom in his own country. Among the many Hungarians now living here in exile is former Prime Minister Ferenc Nagy.

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