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A JOINT MEMORIAL

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE NAVAJO CODE TALKERS ASSOCIATION
AND REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PROVIDE FUNDING
FOR A NAVAJO CODE TALKER MUSEUM AND VETERANS' CENTER.

WHEREAS, the Navajo code talkers association plans to
develop and construct a Navajo code talker museum and
veterans' center as a perpetual monument to the legacy of the
Navajo code talkers, one which will provide historical,
cultural and educational opportunities for many people; and

WHEREAS, the United States marine corps along with the
Navajo code talkers used the Navajo language to develop and
establish a unique code that was not broken by the enemies of
the United States, and these efforts in World War II were
significant, and without them, the United States might not
have been victorious; and

WHEREAS, the distinguished contribution of these aging
warriors is immeasurable, their bravery unquestionable and
their honored place in history rightly deserved; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo code talkers association veterans'
nonprofit organization is composed of Navajo veterans of World
War II who were the Navajo code talkers and their descendants;
and

WHEREAS, the association intends to preserve and honor
the legacy of the Navajo code talkers and to provide

1 much-needed facilities and services to support and honor
2 those veterans; and

3 WHEREAS, the association has a mission to plan and
4 develop a Navajo code talker museum and veterans' center in
5 support of the legacy of the Navajo code talkers and other
6 veterans; and

7 WHEREAS, a Navajo code talker museum and veterans'
8 center will perpetuate the heroism of the Navajo code talkers
9 and instill the ideals of the Navajo code talkers in future
10 generations through educational and charitable activities;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, a museum and veterans' center will provide a
13 venue in which people from across the United States and
14 around the world can learn more about these heroes; and

15 WHEREAS, a museum and veterans' center will provide
16 recognition and public gratitude for, and capture the
17 histories and stories of, Navajo code talkers and will offer
18 practicable services to veterans; and

19 WHEREAS, a Navajo code talker museum and veterans'
20 center will need technical assistance and major funding to
21 construct a museum, veterans' center, Navajo language
22 institute, native healing area and related amenities and
23 infrastructure; and

24 WHEREAS, the Navajo code talkers intend to, and can,
25 develop and design the project to be economically feasible

1 and self-sustaining in the long term; and

2 WHEREAS, a Navajo code talker museum and veterans'
3 center will be a unique tourist destination that will enhance
4 the local community and economy by providing tourism-related
5 jobs, services and amenities to residents of the Navajo
6 Nation, McKinley county, northwest New Mexico and the state;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it express its appreciation to the
9 Navajo code talkers association for undertaking this
10 initiative and that it respectfully request that the United
11 States congress provide funding to support the planning,
12 design and construction of a Navajo code talker museum and
13 veterans' center; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 transmitted to the president of the Navajo Nation, the
16 speaker of the Navajo Nation council, the New Mexico
17 congressional delegation, the Navajo code talkers association
18 and the governors of New Mexico, Arizona and Utah. _____

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