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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

1 the legacy of the Navajo code talkers and to provide  
2 much-needed facilities and services to support and honor  
3 those veterans; and

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

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

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

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

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

25 WHEREAS, the Navajo code talkers intend to, and can,

1 develop and design the project to be economically feasible  
2 and self-sustaining in the long term; and

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

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

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
18 transmitted to the president of the Navajo Nation, the speaker  
19 of the Navajo Nation council, the New Mexico congressional  
20 delegation, the Navajo code talkers association and the  
21 governors of New Mexico, Arizona and Utah. \_\_\_\_\_