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SENATE MEMORIAL 66

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE SENATE TO SUPPORT A FEASIBILITY AND MARKET STUDY
FOR A NATIONAL NAVAJO CODE TALKERS MUSEUM AND VETERANS CENTER.

WHEREAS, the Navajo language provided the United States
with a code that the Japanese could not break that was used
throughout the second world war; and

WHEREAS, beginning with only twenty-nine young men, the
Navajo code talkers developed the code and saved many American
soldiers' lives by using the code for messages amidst the chaos
of battle; and

WHEREAS, few Navajo code talkers remain with us today to
inform younger generations of the bravery and heroism that
these warriors displayed on behalf of their country and
homeland; and

WHEREAS, to preserve the legacy of these brave soldiers, a
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1 national Navajo code talkers museum and veterans center has
2 been envisioned; and

3 WHEREAS, the first step to making the vision of a national
4 Navajo code talkers museum and veterans center a reality is to
5 complete a feasibility and marketing study;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
7 OF NEW MEXICO that the concept of creating a Navajo code
8 talkers museum and veterans center be supported; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the first step in developing
10 the Navajo code talkers museum and veterans center be to
11 support a feasibility and market study and to plan the process
12 needed to make the museum and veterans center a reality; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the secretary of Indian affairs.