

103^D CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 2135

AN ACT

To provide for a National Native American Veterans’
Memorial.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Native American
5 Veterans’ Memorial Establishment Act of 1994”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Native Americans across the Nation—Indi-
9 ans, Native Alaskans, and Native Hawaiians—have
10 a long, proud and distinguished tradition of service
11 in the Armed Forces of the United States.

1 (2) Native Americans have historically served in
2 the Armed Forces of the United States in numbers
3 which far exceed their representation in the popu-
4 lation of the United States.

5 (3) Native American veterans count among
6 themselves a number of Medal of Honor recipients.
7 Their numbers are also conspicuous in the ranks of
8 those who have received other decorations for valor
9 and distinguished service.

10 (4) Native Americans have lost their lives in the
11 service of their Nation and in the cause of peace.

12 (5) The National Museum of the American In-
13 dian was established as a living memorial to Native
14 Americans. Its mission is to advance knowledge and
15 understanding of Native American cultures, includ-
16 ing art, history, language, and the contributions Na-
17 tive Americans have made to our society.

18 (6) The National Museum of the American In-
19 dian is an extraordinary site and an ideal location to
20 establish a National Native American Veterans' Me-
21 morial.

22 (7) A National Native American Veterans' Me-
23 morial would further the purposes of the National
24 Museum of the American Indian by giving all Ameri-
25 cans the opportunity to learn of the proud and cou-

1 rageous tradition of service of Native Americans in
2 the Armed Forces of the United States.

3 **SEC. 3. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH MEMORIAL.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The National Museum of the
5 American Indian (established by the National Museum of
6 the American Indian Act (20 U.S.C. 80q et seq.)), in close
7 consultation with the National Congress of American Indi-
8 ans and other Native American groups, is authorized to
9 construct and maintain a National Native American Vet-
10 erans’ Memorial (hereafter in this Act referred to as the
11 “memorial”).

12 (b) **LOCATION.**—The memorial shall be located at a
13 site determined to be suitable by the Museum within the
14 interior structure of the facility provided for by section
15 7(a) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 80q–5(a)) (relating to housing
16 the portion of the Museum to be located in the District
17 of Columbia).

18 (c) **DESIGN AND PLANS.**—(1) The National Congress
19 of American Indians, in consultation with the Museum,
20 is authorized to hold a competition to select the design
21 of the Memorial. Any design so selected shall be compat-
22 ible with both the purpose of the Museum, as set forth
23 in section 3(b) of the National Museum of the American
24 Indian Act (20 U.S.C. 80q–1), and with any existing de-

1 sign plans for the Museum's structure and its surround-
2 ings.

3 (2) Any design so selected shall be subject to the ap-
4 proval of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institu-
5 tion.

6 **SEC. 4. PAYMENT OF EXPENSES AND USE OF NAME.**

7 (a) RESPONSIBILITY OF NATIONAL CONGRESS OF
8 AMERICAN INDIANS.—The National Congress of Amer-
9 ican Indians shall be solely responsible for acceptance of
10 contributions for, and payment of the expenses of, the es-
11 tablishment of the memorial. No Federal funds may be
12 used to pay any expense of the establishment of the memo-
13 rial.

14 (b) USE OF NAME.—Use of the name of the Smithso-
15 nian Institution or the National Museum of the American
16 Indian in any material regarding the memorial produced
17 by the National Congress of American Indians, other than
18 in a manner simply describing the location of the memo-
19 rial, shall be subject to consultation with, and the approval
20 of, the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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