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Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. SIMON, Mrs. KASSEBAUM, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. GORTON, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. CONRAD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Select Committee on Indian Affairs

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Reported by Mr. INOUE, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enactment clause and insert the part printed in italic]

A BILL

To provide for a National Native American Veterans' Memorial.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of he 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".

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds that:

3 (1) Native Americans across the Nation, have a
4 long, proud and distinguished tradition of service in
5 the armed forces of the United States.

6 (2) Native Americans have historically served in
7 the armed forces of the United States in numbers
8 which far exceed their representation in the popu-
9 lation of the United States.

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

12 (4) The National Museum of the American In-
13 dian was established as a living memorial to Native
14 Americans.

15 (5) The National Museum of the American In-
16 dian is an extraordinary site and is an ideal location
17 to establish a National Native American Veterans'
18 Memorial.

19 (6) A National Native American Veterans' Me-
20 morial would further the purposes of the National
21 Museum of the American Indian by giving all Ameri-
22 cans the opportunity to learn of the proud and cou-
23 rageous tradition of service of Native Americans in
24 the armed forces of the United States.

1 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF MEMO-**
2 **RIAL.**

3 (a) **MEMORIAL.**—The Board of Trustees of the Na-
4 tional Museum of the American Indian is authorized to
5 design, construct, and maintain a National Native Amer-
6 ican Veterans' Memorial (hereafter referred to in this sec-
7 tion as the "Memorial").

8 (b) **SITE.**—The Board of Trustees shall select a suit-
9 able site for the Memorial within the interior structure of
10 the facility provided for by section 7(a) of the National
11 Museum of the American Indian Act to house the portion
12 of the National Museum to be located in the District of
13 Columbia.

14 (c) **DESIGN AND PLANS.**—The Board of Trustees is
15 authorized to hold a competition to select the design of
16 the Memorial.

17 (d) **DONATIONS.**—Notwithstanding any other provi-
18 sion of law, the Board of Trustees may accept, retain, and
19 expend donations of funds, property, or services from indi-
20 viduals, foundations, corporations, or public entities for
21 the purpose of designing, constructing, or maintaining the
22 Memorial.

23 (e) **PAYMENT OF EXPENSES.**—The United States
24 Government shall not pay any of the expenses of the estab-
25 lishment of the Memorial other than providing the site re-
26 ferred to in subsection (b).

1 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

2 As used in this Act:

3 (1) The term “Native American” means an In-
4 dian, a Native Hawaiian, and an Alaska Native.

5 (2) The term “Indian” means a member of an
6 Indian tribe.

7 (3) The term “Native Hawaiian” means any in-
8 dividual who is a descendant of the aboriginal people
9 who, prior to 1778, occupied and exercised sov-
10 ereignty in the area that now comprises the State of
11 Hawaii.

12 (4) The term “Alaska Native” means any Es-
13 kimo, Aleut, or Alaska Indian.

14 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

15 *This Act may be cited as the “Native American Veter-*
16 *ans’ Memorial Establishment Act of 1993”.*

17 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

18 *The Congress finds the following:*

19 (1) *Native Americans across the Nation have a*
20 *long, proud and distinguished tradition of service in*
21 *the Armed Forces of the United States.*

22 (2) *Native Americans have historically served in*
23 *the Armed Forces of the United States in numbers*
24 *which far exceed their representation in the popu-*
25 *lation of the United States.*

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

6 (4) *Native Americans have lost their lives in the*
7 *service of their Nation and in the cause of peace.*

8 (5) *The National Museum of the American In-*
9 *Indian was established as a living memorial to Native*
10 *Americans. Its mission is to advance knowledge and*
11 *understanding of Native American cultures, including*
12 *art, history, language, and the contributions Native*
13 *Americans have made to our society.*

14 (6) *The National Museum of the American In-*
15 *Indian is an extraordinary site and an ideal location*
16 *to establish a National Native American Veterans'*
17 *Memorial.*

18 (7) *A National Native American Veterans' Me-*
19 *morial would further the purposes of the National*
20 *Museum of the American Indian by giving all Ameri-*
21 *cans the opportunity to learn of the proud and coura-*
22 *geous tradition of service of Native Americans in the*
23 *Armed Forces of the United States.*

24 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

25 *As used in this Act:*

1 *American Indian Act (20 U.S.C. 80q-5(a)) to house the*
2 *portion of the Museum to be located in the District of Co-*
3 *lumbia.*

4 (c) *DESIGN AND PLANS.*—*The Museum is authorized*
5 *to hold a competition to select the design of the Memorial.*
6 *Any design so selected shall be compatible with both the pur-*
7 *pose of the Museum, as set forth in section 3(b) of the Na-*
8 *tional Museum of the American Indian Act (20 U.S.C. 80q-*
9 *1), and with any existing design plans for the Museum's*
10 *structure and its surroundings.*

11 (d) *DONATIONS.*—*Notwithstanding any other provi-*
12 *sion of law, the Museum may accept, retain, and expend*
13 *donations of funds, property, or services from individuals,*
14 *foundations, corporations, or public entities for the purpose*
15 *of designing, constructing, or maintaining the Memorial.*

16 (e) *PAYMENT OF EXPENSES.*—*The United States Gov-*
17 *ernment shall not pay any of the expenses of the establish-*
18 *ment of the Memorial other than providing the site referred*
19 *to in subsection (b).*