

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. RES. 190

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 12, 2001

Mr. BACA submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that schools should educate children about and organize community service projects related to the role of Native Americans in American history and culture, and that there should be a paid holiday in honor of Native Americans for all Federal, State, and local government employees.

Whereas the United States owes a debt to Native Americans that was created by the near extermination of their race;

Whereas the United States should make amends for the unspeakable harm it has done to a proud and noble people by recognizing and honoring Native Americans;

Whereas it is time for the United States to heal the wounds created by a history of distrust and genocide;

Whereas Native Americans have shown their willingness to fight and die for this Nation in foreign lands;

Whereas an emphasis on freedom, justice, patriotism, and representative government has always been an element of Native American culture;

Whereas it is important to empower Native Americans and give them the resources to be self-sufficient;

Whereas Native American reservations have an average poverty rate of 31 percent and unemployment rates that are approximately 6 times the national average;

Whereas the self-reliance of Native Americans has begun to lift Native Americans from poverty and has provided for food, clothing, medical clinics, and the upgrading of substandard housing;

Whereas the United States must further the cause of justice by educating and sensitizing the people of the United States about Native Americans;

Whereas the United States must recognize the contributions Native Americans have made to the United States, including providing the names for many States and landmarks; and

Whereas the fourth Friday in September would be an appropriate day on which to honor Native Americans: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-  
2   resentatives that—

1           (1) schools in the United States should educate  
2 children about the role of Native Americans in  
3 American history and culture and organize commu-  
4 nity service projects that further that education; and

5           (2) there should be a paid holiday in honor of  
6 Native Americans for all Federal, State, and local  
7 government employees.

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