

JOINT RESOLUTION

Commemorating the opening of the National Museum of
the American Indian.

Whereas the National Museum of the American Indian Act
(20 U.S.C. 808 et seq.) established within the Smithso-
nian Institution the National Museum of the American
Indian and authorized the construction of a facility to
house the National Museum of the American Indian on
the National Mall in the District of Columbia;

Whereas the National Museum of the American Indian offi-
cially opens on September 21, 2004; and

Whereas the National Museum of the American Indian will
be the only national museum devoted exclusively to the
history and art of cultures indigenous to the Americas,
and will give all Americans the opportunity to learn of
the cultural legacy, historic grandeur, and contemporary
culture of Native Americans: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*

2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN IN-**

4 **DIAN.**

5 Congress—

1 (1) recognizes the important and unique con-
2 tribution of Native Americans to the cultural legacy
3 of the United States, both in the past and currently;

4 (2) honors the cultural achievements of all Na-
5 tive Americans;

6 (3) celebrates the official opening of the Na-
7 tional Museum of the American Indian; and

8 (4) requests the President to issue a proclama-
9 tion encouraging all Americans to take advantage of
10 the resources of the National Museum of the Amer-
11 ican Indian to learn about the history and culture of
12 Native Americans.

Passed the Senate July 22, 2004.

Attest:

Secretary.

108TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

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