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H. RES. 744

Recognizing the contributions of Native American veterans and calling upon the President to issue a proclamation urging the people of the United States to observe a day in honor of Native American veterans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 15, 2007

Mrs. Wilson of New Mexico (for herself and Ms. Herseth Sandlin) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

RESOLUTION

- Recognizing the contributions of Native American veterans and calling upon the President to issue a proclamation urging the people of the United States to observe a day in honor of Native American veterans.
- Whereas there are 195,871 Native American veterans in the United States;
- Whereas Native Americans have participated for over 200 years in United States military actions;
- Whereas the participation of Native Americans in the War of 1812, the Civil War, and the Spanish-America War was significant;

- Whereas in World War I, it is estimated that more than 12,000 Native Americans served the United States Armed Forces;
- Whereas more than 44,000 Native Americans served in the Armed Forces during World War II, in both the European and Pacific fronts, representing a substantial portion of the 350,000 Native Americans then living in the United States;
- Whereas Native Americans fought in the Korean conflict, and more than 42,000 Native Americans fought in the Vietnam War, 90 percent of whom served as volunteers;
- Whereas Native Americans also provided significant contributions in the military operations in Grenada and Panama and the Persian Gulf War in 1980s and 1990s; and
- Whereas Native Americans should also be recognized for their participation in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom: Now, therefore, be it—
 - 1 Resolved, That the House of Representatives—
 - 2 (1) recognizes all Native American veterans 3 who have served the Nation with honor, pride, devo-4 tion, wisdom and strength for serving their country 5 and protecting their homeland; and
 - (2) calls upon the President to issue a proclamation urging the people of the United States to observe a day honoring Native American veterans with

9 appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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