

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS'
MEMORIAL AMENDMENTS ACT
OF 2013

Mr. MULLIN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2319) to clarify certain provisions of the Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act of 1994, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2319

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Native American Veterans' Memorial Amendments Act of 2013".

SEC. 2. NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS' MEMORIAL.

(a) **AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH MEMORIAL.**—Section 3 of the Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 80q–5 note; 108 Stat. 4067) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by striking "within the interior structure of the facility provided for by" and inserting "on property under the jurisdiction of the Museum on the site described in"; and

(2) in subsection (c)(1), by striking ", in consultation with the Museum, is" and inserting "and the National Museum of the American Indian are".

(b) **PAYMENT OF EXPENSES.**—Section 4(a) of the Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 80q–5 note; 108 Stat. 4067) is amended—

(1) in the heading, by inserting "AND NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN" after "AMERICAN INDIANS"; and

(2) in the first sentence, by striking "shall be solely" and inserting "and the National Museum of the American Indian shall be".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) and the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GRIJALVA) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oklahoma.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MULLIN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

Mr. MULLIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

H.R. 2319 is a bill that would continue to recognize the efforts of all Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian veterans across the Nation. These brave soldiers, including my own grandfather, Kenneth Morris, sacrificed much for the country they love. It is important that we properly honor these brave soldiers and tell their story for generations to come.

As many of my colleagues know, last month Congress awarded Congressional Gold Medals to Native American code talkers from all over the country, a long overdue recognition for their bravery and valor. These men saved countless lives during World Wars I and II by using their native languages.

My bill amends a 1994 law that allows the National Museum of the American Indian more flexibility to design and raise funds for the building of a memorial. The memorial is currently authorized to be constructed inside the confines of the museum, but with the limited space within the museum itself, this bill provides for a more appropriate tribute.

This bipartisan bill has received overwhelming support from the National Congress of American Indians and the National Museum of the American Indian. As one of only two Native Americans in Congress, it has been my privilege to work to make this memorial a reality.

I ask for your support of this legislation which was reported by unanimous consent from the Committee on Natural Resources just last week and will require no cost to the American taxpayers.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

(Mr. GRIJALVA asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2319 authorizes the construction of a Native American Veterans Memorial on the grounds of the National Museum of the American Indian. The memorial is already authorized to be built within the museum, but planning efforts have identified the needs for more space. This bill simply allows the memorial to be built outside.

Native Americans have a long and proud tradition of military service. Navajo code talkers were involved in every assault the U.S. Marines conducted in the Pacific from 1942 to 1945. Their heroics even inspired a Hollywood movie, but the proud tradition of Native American service goes all the way back to the Revolutionary War. Since then, the Nation's first Americans have fought in every U.S. engagement, and it is about time that we recognize their service with a national memorial. I cannot think of a better place to commemorate that tradition than on the grounds of the National Museum.

I also want to take time to thank Congressman MULLIN for his leadership and sponsorship of this legislation, overdue, and very, very appropriate and historically necessary.

We support H.R. 2319 and urge its passage.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MULLIN. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the bipartisan support from my colleague from Arizona and definitely the support from the other side of the aisle that so often is needed inside this House.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I yield as much time as he may consume to the gentleman from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER).

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I certainly want to thank my friend and colleague from Oklahoma. He is a colleague on the Natural Resources Committee with me, as well as the Indian and Alaska Native Affairs Subcommittee, and Mr. MULLIN has demonstrated great leadership on this important legislation.

In my State of North Dakota, our citizens enlist in the military at a rate four times the national average. Much of the credit for this impressive statistic really belongs to the thousands of our native citizens who have enlisted at very, very high rates, citizens from the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, from the Fort Berthold Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation, from our Sioux Nations at Fort Yates and Fort Totten, from the Standing Rock and Spirit Lake Nations as well as Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Nation who have demonstrated exemplary patriotism in their enlistment. And furthermore, they carry out this patriotism with incredible pride, understandable and appropriate pride in the way they participate with their honor and color guards at veterans' events throughout our State.

This memorial and these amendments are really a very appropriate and important recognition of their sacrifice and their service and their unique contribution to our society, especially given the history of our Nation's birth.

So, Mr. Speaker, I encourage all of our colleagues to honor our native veterans by voting "yes" on this important legislation.

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. MCCOLLUM), cochair of the Native American Caucus in the House.

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Native American Veterans' Memorial Amendment Act.

Native Americans have served in our Armed Forces at higher rates than any other ethnic group, even while being denied the right to vote and full citizenship in this country.

Their contributions include 27 recipients of the Medal of Honor and code talkers, whose native languages became the unbreakable code, keeping