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RESOLUTION NO. 63-97

RESOLUTION OF THE NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN SUPPORT OF A LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE A NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS' MEMORIAL

WHEREAS, the United States Senate has introduced legislation to establish a National Native American Veterans' Memorial; and,

WHEREAS, during World War II, more than 3,600 young Navajos served in every branch of the United States armed forces, and 420 were selected and trained to serve as military cryptographer (code talkers) in the United States Marines; and,

WHEREAS, the first 29 Navajo marines devised the Navajo code consisting of 211 words and 26 words for each letter of the alphabet; and,

WHEREAS, this intrepid group of Navajos gave their special talents and their lives for their Nation in providing an unbreakable form of communication that defied the enemy's understanding; and

WHEREAS, with the passage of time many of those fighting men are no longer with us and it would be fitting and appropriate to encourage and support a memorial to those Navajos, and other Native Americans, to perpetuate their efforts and memory for the Nation; and,

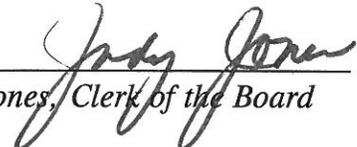
WHEREAS, since the war ended the United States has not paid tribute to these brave and talented Navajo individuals for the contribution to the security of the United States; and

WHEREAS, there are many war memorials in Washington, D.C., commemorating various wars and the contributions and sacrifices made by individuals, but the Navajo Code Talkers and other brave actions of Native American veterans have never been made a part of these memorials.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Navajo County Board of Supervisors' hereby endorses and supports a legislation which will provide a National Native American Veterans' Memorial to honor those Native Americans who willingly gave of their special talents.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Navajo County the 19th day of May, 1997.

ATTEST:



Judy Jones, Clerk of the Board



Jesse Thompson, Chairman
Navajo County Board of Supervisors