AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A MONUMENT FOR QUANNAH PARKER, LATE CHIEF OF THE COMANCHE INDIANS

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Mr. HARRELD, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 3613]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3613) authorizing an appropriation for a monument for Quannah Parker, late chief of the Comanche Indians, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with the recommendation that the bill do pass without amendment.

This legislation has the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, as indicated in letter from him under date of April 13, 1926, which is attached hereto and made a part of this report.

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, April 18, 1926.

Hon. J. W. HARRELD,
Chairman Committee on Indian Affairs, United States Senate.

MY DEAR SENATOR HARRELD: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your request of March 25 for a report on S. 3613 intended to provide an appropriation of $1,500 for the purchase and erection of a monument to Quannah Parker, late chief of the Comanche Indians.

This remarkable Indian, born in 1845, remained hostile to the Government and his white neighbors until 1877, when, recognizing the futility of such a course, he immediately reversed his attitude and became an efficient factor in leading his people along the road to civilization. He popularized education and encouraged house building and agriculture. He discouraged dissipation and savage extravagance among his people and yet held strictly to his native beliefs and ceremonies. For 30 years he continued to exercise a commanding influence among the Comanche, Arapahoe, and Kiowa Tribes.

It is believed that this proposed posthumous tribute to his memory will be appropriate testimonial of the good influence which he exerted among his people and the services which he rendered them during his life. In the circumstances, I am of the opinion that the proposed bill should be enacted into law.

Under date of April 6 the Bureau of the Budget has reported that the proposed bill is not in conflict with the financial program of the President.

Very truly yours,

HUBERT WORK.