

105TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 206

To recognize 50 years of efforts with respect to the creation of the Crazy Horse Memorial, honoring the great Oglala Sioux leader, Tasunke Witko, popularly known as “Crazy Horse”, and to express the Sense of the Senate with respect to the Crazy Horse Memorial.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 2, 1998

Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. MCCAIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

RESOLUTION

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Whereas Tasunke Witko, popularly known as “Crazy Horse”, was one of the greatest Native American warriors and spiritual leaders of the United States;

Whereas Crazy Horse fought to defend the rights and lives of the Sioux Indians and all Native Americans;

Whereas Crazy Horse is best known for leading a force of Cheyenne and Oglala Sioux warriors to victory over

George Armstrong Custer in the Battle of Little Big Horn;

Whereas in 1940, several Sioux Indian chiefs invited the late sculptor, Korczak Ziolkowski, to create a memorial to their great leader, Crazy Horse, by carving a tribute to Crazy Horse into the Black Hills in South Dakota on a mountain popularly known as “Thunderhead Mountain”;

Whereas on June 3, 1948, the Crazy Horse Memorial was dedicated, which is the date on which the first blast was made to shape the memorial on Thunderhead Mountain;

Whereas at the time of that dedication, Korczak Ziolkowski vowed that the Crazy Horse Memorial would be a non-profit educational and cultural project that would be financed solely through private, nongovernmental sources;

Whereas Korczak Ziolkowski dedicated his life to the creation of the Crazy Horse Memorial and continued that work through his death on October 20, 1982; and

Whereas once complete, the Crazy Horse Memorial, with a height of 563 feet and length of 641 feet, will be the largest sculpture in the world: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) the Senate recognizes—

3 (A) that June 3, 1998, commemorates the
4 50th anniversary of the blast on the mountain
5 known as Thunderhead Mountain in the Black
6 Hills of South Dakota that constituted the first
7 step made toward the completion of the Crazy
8 Horse Memorial;

1 (B) the admirable efforts of the late
2 Korczak Ziolkowski, the sculptor responsible for
3 the design and techniques involved in the cre-
4 ation of the Crazy Horse Memorial; and

5 (C) that the creation of the Crazy Horse
6 Memorial, from its inception, has been accom-
7 plished through private donations and without
8 any Federal funding; and

9 (2) it is the sense of the Senate that the Crazy
10 Horse Memorial will constitute a tribute to—

11 (A) Tasunke Witko, a great Oglala Sioux
12 warrior and spiritual leader; and

13 (B) all Native Americans.

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