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# H. CON. RES. 306

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Honoring the service of American Indians in the United  
States Armed Forces.

Whereas American Indians have served with distinction in the  
United States Armed Forces and in military actions for  
more than 200 years;

Whereas the courage, determination, and fighting spirit of  
American Indians were strengths recognized and valued  
by American military leaders;

Whereas the nearly 190,000 American Indian veterans have fought for the United States in the struggle for freedom and peace, often in a percentage well above their percentage of the population of the United States as a whole;

Whereas the Elders of the American Indian Society have proclaimed that official recognition of the military service of American Indians would help engender a sense of self-esteem and pride in American Indians;

Whereas, although November 11, Veterans Day, marks a day of observance for all veterans who served in the Armed Forces, the establishment of a specific National American Indian Veterans Day would honor the service of American Indians in the Armed Forces; and

Whereas November 7, a date during the annual National American Indian Heritage Month, would be an appropriate day to establish as National American Indian Veterans Day: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3            (1) honors the service of American Indians in  
4        the Armed Forces;

5            (2) recommends the establishment of a National  
6        American Indian Veterans Day;

7            (3) encourages all Americans to learn about the  
8        history of the service of American Indians in the  
9        Armed Forces; and

10           (4) requests the President to issue a proclama-  
11        tion calling on the people of the United States to ob-

1       serve the day with appropriate ceremonies, activities,  
2       and programs to demonstrate their support for  
3       American Indian veterans.

      Passed the House of Representatives October 5,  
2004.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

*Clerk.*