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# H. CON. RES. 291

Honoring the service of American Indians in the Armed Forces.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RENZI (for himself, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. COLE of Oklahoma) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Honoring the service of American Indians in the Armed Forces.

Whereas American Indians have served with distinction in the 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; and

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: 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-  
12       serve the day with appropriate ceremonies, activities,  
13       and programs to demonstrate their support for  
14       American Indian veterans.

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