

Class "C" Resolution  
No BIA Action Required.  
No Executive Branch  
Action Necessary

RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

Reaffirming Resolution CO-77-90 and Requesting the  
United States Government to Erect a Native American Vietnam  
War Servicemen/women Memorial Adjoining the Statute of Three  
Servicemen at the Entrance of the National Memorial of  
Vietnam Veterans, Washington, D.C.

WHEREAS:

1. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation, pursuant to 2 N.T.C., Section 102(a); and
2. On October 29, 1990, the Navajo Nation Council passed Resolution CO-77-90, requesting the United States Government to erect a Native American Vietnam War Servicemen Memorial adjoining the statute of three servicemen at the Entrance of the National Memorial of Vietnam Veterans, Washington, D.C., and
3. Native Americans have served the United States Government in many wars and crises and have received numerous meritorious honors of their participation and over sixty percent (60%) of all Navajo Veterans who have served in the wars of the United States served during the Vietnam Era; and
4. Like other minority Vietnam Veterans, many Native American Veterans face significant readjustment problems due to the wars and have not been accorded the proper recognition; and
5. The Navajo Nation Council wishes to reaffirm the previous Council Resolution CO-77-90 (attached hereto as Exhibit "A") in its entirety.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Navajo Nation Council hereby reaffirms Resolution CO-77-90 in its entirety and respectfully requests the United States Government to properly recognize Native American Vietnam War Service persons as prescribed within the resolution.
2. The Navajo Nation Council hereby authorizes the President of the Navajo Nation to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, Members of the Arizona, New Mexico and Utah Congressional Delegations, the Secretary of Defense of the United States, the United States

Department of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of Interior  
Department and the Director of National Parks Service of the United  
States.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly  
considered by the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at  
Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present  
and that same was passed by a vote of 78 in favor, 0 opposed and 0  
abstained, this 18th day of April 1991.

  
Speaker  
Navajo Nation Council

April 24, 1991

Date Signed

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CO-77-90

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Requesting the United States Government to Erect a  
Native American Vietnam War Serviceman Memorial  
Adjoining the Three Servicemen at the Entrance of the  
National Memorial of Vietnam Veterans, Washington, D.C.

WHEREAS:

1. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation; and
2. Native Americans have served the United States Government in many wars and crises; specifically, the Navajo Code Talkers have earned the admiration and praise of all Americans and have been acknowledged by high-ranking Marine officers for developing and using the only truly unbreakable code in the history of warfare; and
3. Native Americans, because of their minority status and keen skill as expert riflemen, have served their country as pointmen for fire teams, squads or platoons in enemy fire zones in all wars; and
4. Native American Veterans have received numerous meritorious honors from the United States for their participation in the Vietnam War; furthermore, over sixty percent of all Navajo Veterans who have served in the wars of the United States served during the Vietnam Era; and
5. Like other minority Vietnam Veterans, many Native American Veterans face significant readjustment problems due to the stress of wars; moreover, most Native American war veterans find it difficult to secure employment since reservations have extremely depressed economies; and
6. The United States of America dedicated the National Memorial of Vietnam Veterans in Washington, D.C., in 1982 to the American soldiers killed or missing in action during the Vietnam War by placing the statues of three Vietnam servicemen at the entrance of the Memorial Plaza depicting White, Black and Hispanic Servicemen; and
7. By petition attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A", Native Americans living on reservations are requesting the United States of America to consider placing a

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Native American serviceman of the Vietnam War next to the statue of the Servicemen at the entrance of the National Memorial of Vietnam Veterans, Washington, D.C.; and

8. The Navajo Nation Council believes that Native American Vietnam veterans deserve the same honor as the servicemen represented by the three statues at the entrance of the National Memorial of Vietnam Veterans.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Navajo Nation Council hereby respectfully requests the United States Government to erect a statue depicting a Native American Vietnam War serviceman adjoining the three servicemen at the entrance of the National Memorial of Vietnam Veterans, Washington, D.C.

2. The Navajo Nation Council further respectfully requests each member of the Arizona, New Mexico and Utah Congressional Delegates to support and sponsor legislation that would include the statue of the Native American Vietnam War adjoining the statues of three servicemen placed at the entrance of the National Memorial of Vietnam Veterans in Washington, D.C.

3. The Navajo Nation Council hereby further authorizes the Interim President of the Navajo Nation to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, Members of the Arizona, New Mexico and Utah Congressional Delegations, the Secretary of Defense of the United States, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of Interior of the United States, and the Director of National Parks Service of the United States.

#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 66 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstained, this 25th day of October 1990.

  
Speaker  
Navajo Nation Council

October 29, 1990  
Date Signed