STATE OF ALASKA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Expressing support and appreciation for the National Native American Veterans Memorial.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS the National Native American Veterans Memorial, to be located on the grounds of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C., with a design concept titled "Warriors' Circle of Honor," is scheduled to open on Veterans Day 2020; and

WHEREAS Native Americans across the United States, including American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians, have a long, proud, and distinguished tradition of military service in the armed forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS Native Americans have historically served in the armed forces of the United States in numbers that far exceed their representation in the population of the United States; and

WHEREAS Native American veterans have been decorated for valor and distinguished service in the armed forces of the United States; and

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WHEREAS Native Americans have lost their lives in service to the armed forces of

the United States and for the cause of peace; and

WHEREAS past and present military service of Native Americans exemplifies the bravery and courage that defines American patriotism; and

WHEREAS the National Native American Veterans Memorial will honor the military service of American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians, from the Revolutionary War to the present, and across all branches of service; and

WHEREAS the National Museum of the American Indian, which has a mission to advance knowledge and understanding of Native American cultures, including art, history, language, and the contributions that Native Americans have made to the United States, is an extraordinary site and an ideal location on which to establish the National Native American Veterans Memorial; and

WHEREAS the National Native American Veterans Memorial will further the purposes of the National Museum of the American Indian by giving all Americans the opportunity to learn about the proud and courageous tradition of service of Native Americans in the armed forces of the United States;

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives expresses its profound support and appreciation for the establishment of the National Native American Veterans Memorial, to be located on the grounds of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, to honor the military service of American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians, from the Revolutionary War to the present, and across all branches of service.