

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

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

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

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

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

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

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

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

1 the United States and for the cause of peace; and

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

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

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

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

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