

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



## REPRESENTATIVE JOHN LINCOLN

### **Sponsor Statement House Resolution 6**

House Resolution 6 (HR6) expresses support and appreciation for the National Native American Veterans Memorial. The memorial will be built in Washington, D.C. on the grounds of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian and will be revealed on Veterans Day of 2020.

The National Native American Veterans Memorial is the first memorial that recognizes the contributions, service, and sacrifices American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians have made for the cause of peace.

According to the U.S. Department of Defense, throughout the history of the United States, American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians have served the armed forces in higher percentages than any other ethnicity. There are currently 31,000 active duty members who are Native American, and 133,000 Native American veterans alive today. In addition to honoring Native American veterans, this memorial gives all Americans the opportunity to learn about the sacrifices, honors of valor, and distinguished services Native Americans have made in the last 250 years.