



H.Res. 744 - Recognizing the contributions of Native American veterans and calling upon the President to issue a proclamation urging the people of the United States to observe a day in honor of Native American veterans.

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 744 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Heather Wilson (R-NM) on October 15, 2007. It was referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, but never considered.

H.Res. 744 is expected to be considered on the floor on November 5, 2007.

BACKGROUND

Native Americans have played a key role in the U.S. military operations for more than 200 years. Today, there are nearly 200,000 Native Americans in the United States. Their contributions have been invaluable to U.S. efforts in every American armed conflict since the War of 1812, including current missions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

[Naval Historical Center: Native Americans and the U.S. Military](#)

On October 31, 2007, President Bush proclaimed November 2007 as "National American Indian Heritage Month." ([White House Press Release](#), 10/31/2007)

SUMMARY

H.Res. 744 resolves that the U.S. House of Representatives:

- Recognizes all Native American veterans who have served the Nation with honor, pride, devotion, wisdom and strength for serving their country and protecting their homeland; and
- Calls upon the President to issue a proclamation urging the people of the United States to observe a day honoring Native American veterans with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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