

No. R-161. House concurrent resolution honoring the 10th Annual Rock, Rattle & Drum Pow Wow.

(H.C.R.118)

Offered by: Representatives Morris of Bennington, Berry of Manchester, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Davis of Washington, Donahue of Northfield, Fields of Bennington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keenan of St. Albans City, Lenex of Shelburne, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morrissey of Bennington, Pearson of Burlington, Sibilia of Dover, Stevens of Waterbury, Strong of Albany, Tate of Mendon, and Willhoit of St. Johnsbury

Offered by: Senators Sears, Campion, and Nitka

Whereas, Native Americans are the descendants of the original inhabitants of the United States, and

Whereas, they have served in the U.S. military voluntarily and with valor throughout our nation's history, and

Whereas, Native Americans, historically, have had a greater per capita presence in our nation's military than any other ethnic group, and

Whereas, an outstanding example of Native American service in the U.S. military is the lifesaving work of the Navajo code talkers during World War II, and

Whereas, Native Americans have made significant contributions to Vermont and the rest of the world in many fields and have distinguished themselves as inventors, entrepreneurs, spiritual leaders, and scholars, and

Whereas, the General Assembly has recognized the Elnu Abenaki tribe, the Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk Abenaki Nation, the Koasek Abenaki of the Koas, and the Missisquoi, St. Francis-Sokoki Band, and

Whereas, Healing Winds, the Town of Bennington, and the Bennington Chamber of Commerce are working collaboratively to present the 10th annual Rock, Rattle & Drum Pow Wow to be held on August 8–9, 2015, on the grounds of the Vermont Veterans' Home in Bennington, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Rock, Rattle & Drum Pow Wow in Bennington on its anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Healing Winds and to the Vermont Veterans' Home.