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Resolution No, 35

Sponsored by: Alaska Native Brotherhood Camp 70

Title: Support for The Alaska Native Veterans Land Allotment Equity Act

WHEREAS, In our Native American culture veterans are honored and held in a position of high esteem and respect. This is the way our culture has always been, we give special recognition to those who provided protection and preservation of our tribal way of life. Further, veterans unselfishly place their lives in harms way to uphold our cultural values and secure our lands, and

WHEREAS, American Indians and Alaska Natives have a rich history in the United States Military. American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans have played a vital role in the United States military for well over two hundred years and according to the Department of Defense, American Indians and Alaska Natives have one of the highest representations in the armed forces, and

WHEREAS, Native American veterans have long served in the United States Military with honor and distinction, and for that reason we owe a great debt of gratitude to our veterans and we must not rest in our pursuit to provide for these veterans, and

WHEREAS, Native Americans have one of the highest record of service in the Vietnam era conflict, per capita, of any ethnic group. A majority of these men enlisted, and a disproportional number served in combat positions. More than 42,000 Native Americans served in the military in the Vietnam era, and over 90 percent of these Service members were volunteers, and

WHEREAS, Alaska Native veterans of the Vietnam War era did not have the opportunity to apply for an allotment because they were serving in the U.S. armed forces immediately prior to the 1971 repeal of the Allotment Act, and

WHEREAS, In recognition of their service the Alaska Native Vietnam Veterans Allotment Act (P.L. 105-276) was enacted in 1998 to redress any unfairness that may have resulted because of such military service, and

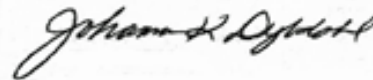
WHEREAS, Congress, nevertheless, imposed tight restrictive conditions and time period for which applications were reopened. During this time period, the BLM, under this act, received applications from 740 individuals claiming a total of 1,070 parcels. Of these, about 70 percent did not meet the restrictive terms of the Act and were rejected, and

WHEREAS, It is our privilege and duty to support the passage of HR 2387 and S 1955 currently pending in Congress which would amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and would provide for equitable allotment of land to Alaska Native veterans, who honorably served in the military during the Vietnam era, and

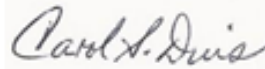
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood Grand Camp in Wrangell, Alaska, October 7-10, 2015 the Centennial Year of the Alaska Native Sisterhood, urges the U.S. Congress to act timely and pass HR 2387 and S 1955.



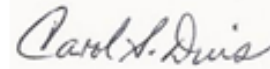
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