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# S. 293

To provide for a National Native American Veterans' Memorial.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. SIMON, Mrs. KASSEBAUM, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. GORTON, Mr. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. DASCHLE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Select Committee on Indian Affairs

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## A BILL

To provide for a National Native American Veterans'  
Memorial.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Native American  
5 Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act".

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that:

8 (1) Native Americans across the Nation, have a  
9 long, proud and distinguished tradition of service in  
10 the armed forces of the United States.

1           (2) Native Americans have historically served in  
2           the armed forces of the United States in numbers  
3           which far exceed their representation in the popu-  
4           lation of the United States.

5           (3) Native Americans have lost their lives in the  
6           service of their Nation, and in the cause of peace.

7           (4) The National Museum of the American In-  
8           dian was established as a living memorial to Native  
9           Americans.

10          (5) The National Museum of the American In-  
11          dian is an extraordinary site and is an ideal location  
12          to establish a National Native American Veterans'  
13          Memorial.

14          (6) A National Native American Veterans' Me-  
15          morial would further the purposes of the National  
16          Museum of the American Indian by giving all Ameri-  
17          cans the opportunity to learn of the proud and cou-  
18          rageous tradition of service of Native Americans in  
19          the armed forces of the United States.

20 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF MEMO-**  
21 **RIAL.**

22          (a) MEMORIAL.—The Board of Trustees of the Na-  
23          tional Museum of the American Indian is authorized to  
24          design, construct, and maintain a National Native Amer-

1 ican Veterans' Memorial (hereafter referred to in this sec-  
2 tion as the "Memorial").

3 (b) SITE.—The Board of Trustees shall select a suit-  
4 able site for the Memorial within the interior structure of  
5 the facility provided for by section 7(a) of the National  
6 Museum of the American Indian Act to house the portion  
7 of the National Museum to be located in the District of  
8 Columbia.

9 (c) DESIGN AND PLANS.—The Board of Trustees is  
10 authorized to hold a competition to select the design of  
11 the Memorial.

12 (d) DONATIONS.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
13 sion of law, the Board of Trustees may accept, retain, and  
14 expend donations of funds, property, or services from indi-  
15 viduals, foundations, corporations, or public entities for  
16 the purpose of designing, constructing, or maintaining the  
17 Memorial.

18 (e) PAYMENT OF EXPENSES.—The United States  
19 Government shall not pay any of the expenses of the estab-  
20 lishment of the Memorial other than providing the site re-  
21 ferred to in subsection (b).

22 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

23 As used in this Act:

24 (1) The term "Native American" means an In-  
25 dian, a Native Hawaiian, and an Alaska Native.

1           (2) The term “Indian” means a member of an  
2 Indian tribe.

3           (3) The term “Native Hawaiian” means any in-  
4 dividual who is a descendant of the aboriginal people  
5 who, prior to 1778, occupied and exercised sov-  
6 ereignty in the area that now comprises the State of  
7 Hawaii.

8           (4) The term “Alaska Native” means any Es-  
9 kimo, Aleut, or Alaska Indian.

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