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S. RES. 439

Recognizing the contributions of Wisconsin Native Americans to the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. Kohl) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the contributions of Wisconsin Native Americans to the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian.

Whereas the National Museum of the American Indian Act (20 U.S.C. 80q et seq.) established within the Smithsonian Institution the National Museum of the American Indian and authorized the construction of a facility to house the National Museum of the American Indian on the National Mall in the District of Columbia;

Whereas the National Museum of the American Indian officially opened on September 21, 2004;

Whereas the National Museum of the American Indian will be the only national museum devoted exclusively to the history and art of cultures indigenous to the Americas, and will give all Americans the opportunity to learn about

the cultural legacy, historic grandeur, and contemporary culture of Native Americans, including the tribes that presently and historically occupy the State of Wisconsin;

Whereas the land that comprises the State of Wisconsin has been home to numerous Native American tribes for many years, including 11 federally recognized tribal governments: the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, the Forest County Potawatomi Indian Community, the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin, the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin, the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin, the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, the Sokaogon Chippewa (Mole Lake) Community of Wisconsin, the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin, and the Stockbridge Munsee Community of Wisconsin; and

Whereas members of Native American tribes have greatly contributed to the unique culture and identity of Wisconsin by lending words from their languages to the names of many places in the State and by sharing their customs and beliefs with others who chose to make Wisconsin their home: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) celebrates the official opening of the Na-
3 tional Museum of the American Indian;

4 (2) recognizes the native people of Wisconsin,
5 and of the entire United States, and their past,

1 present, and future contributions to America's cul-
2 ture, history, and tradition; and

3 (3) requests that the Senate send an enrolled
4 copy of this resolution to the chairpersons of Wis-
5 consin's federally recognized tribes.

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