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Joint Resolution

July 28, 1982
[H.J. Res. 444]

To authorize and request the President to designate August 14, 1982, as "National Navaho Code Talkers Day".

Whereas the Navaho Code Talkers, a group of United States Marines, devised a communication code, based on the Navaho language, for combat use during World War II;

Whereas the development and use of this code, which was never deciphered by Japanese cryptologists, played a crucial role in the successful resolution of the war effort in the Pacific; and

Whereas this select group of Navaho Marines has never received national recognition for its unique and invaluable contribution to our military intelligence during that conflict: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation designating August 14, 1982, as "National Navaho Code Talkers Day", and calling upon all government agencies and people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Approved July 28, 1982.

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