

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0177-19

**DATE:** June 25, 2019

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO, MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM, TO NAME US HIGHWAY 491 IN HONOR OF THE LATE SENATOR DR. JOHN PINTO

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to respectfully request that Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham name US Highway 491 in honor of the late Senator Dr. John Pinto in recognition of Senator Dr. Pinto's legacy of strong advocacy and dedicated work to enhance the lives of the Diné of the Great Navajo Nation.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

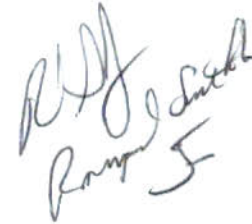
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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—FIRST YEAR, 2019

INTRODUCED BY



Primary Sponsor



Randy Smith

TRACKING NO. 0177-19

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; RESPECTFULLY  
REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO, MICHELLE LUJAN  
GRISHAM, TO NAME US ROUTE 491 IN HONOR OF THE LATE SENATOR  
DR. JOHN PINTO

BE IT ENACTED:

**Section One. Authority**

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered the Naabik'iyáti' Committee to coordinate all state programs, including education in public schools. *See* 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A), 701 (A)(6).
- B. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the State of New Mexico.

**Section Two. Findings**

- A. US Route 491 runs from Gallup, NM to Shiprock, NM within transportation districts five and six.
- B. Senator Dr. John Pinto, representative to the 3<sup>rd</sup> District of New Mexico, passed away on May 24, 2019.

1 C. Senator Dr. John Pinto was elected to Senate in 1977, and held this position until his  
2 passing on May 24, 2019, making him New Mexico's longest serving member of  
3 Senate.

4 D. Senator Dr. John Pinto was born in Lupton, Arizona on Navajo Nation and was Dibé  
5 Lizhiní (Black Sheep Clan), born for Táchii'nii (Red Running Into the Water People  
6 Clan). His maternal grandfather was Tl'izilani (Many Goats Clan), and his paternal  
7 grandfather was Naaneesht'ézhí Táchii'nii (Charcoal-Streaked Division of the Red  
8 Running into the Water Clan) from the Standing Rock, Navajo Nation area.

9 E. Senator Dr. John Pinto enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1941 and served  
10 as a Navajo Code Talker during World War II.

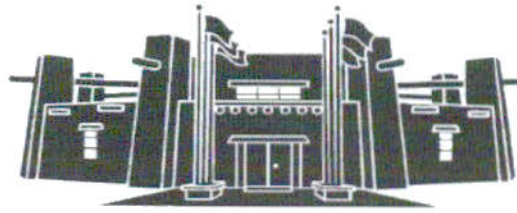
11 F. Senator Dr. John Pinto served as a member of the Indian and Cultural Affairs  
12 Committee and Senate and Education Committee.

13 G. Senator Dr. John Pinto was a pillar of the local community and gave his unwavering  
14 service to not only Navajo Nation, but also the state of New Mexico, and the United  
15 States. He was revered by both his local constituents in Navajo Nation and his  
16 colleagues in the Senate. While working in Washington D.C. he continued his  
17 dedication to local communities both on Navajo Nation and throughout New Mexico.  
18 Because of his tireless dedication and support, Navajo Nation requests that US Route  
19 491 be named after Senator Dr. John Pinto to honor his legacy.

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21 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

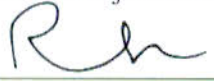
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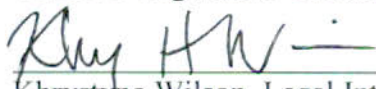




## MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mark Freeland  
24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council Delegate

THRU:   
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Ron Haven, Attorney  
Office of Legislative Counsel

FROM:   
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Khrystine Wilson, Legal Intern  
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: June 25, 2019

RE: AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE;  
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MEXICO, MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM, TO NAME US HIGHWAY  
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Per your request, attached is the above-reference proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet. Based on existing law, the resolution drafted is legally sufficient. However, as with all legislation, the proposed resolution is subject to review by the courts in the event of a challenge.

The Office of Legislative Counsel recommends the appropriate standing committee(s) reviews based on the standing committees powers outlined in 2 N.N.C. §§ 301, 401, 501, 601, and 701. Nevertheless, "the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall introduce [the proposed resolution] into the legislative process by assigning it to the respective oversight committee(s) of the Navajo Nation Council having authority over the matters for proper consideration. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(5).

Please review the proposed resolution to ensure it is drafted to your satisfaction. If you approve, please sign as "Primary Sponsor" and submit it to the Office of Legislative Services where the proposed resolution will be given a tracking number and referred to the Office of the Speaker.

If the proposed legislation is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like to make to the proposed resolution.

THE NAVAJO NATION  
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
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SPONSOR: Mark A Freeland

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Route 491 In Honor Of The Late Senator Dr. John Pinto

*Date posted:* July 2, 2019 at 11:58 AM

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**Posted:** July 2, 2019 at 11:58 AM

**5 DAY Comment Period Ended:** July 07, 2019

**Digital Comments received:**

<b>Comments Supporting</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>Comments Opposing</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>Inconclusive Comments</b>	<i>None</i>

  
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**Legislative Tracking Secretary  
Office of Legislative Services**

7/8/19

**Date/Time**



# 24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE REPORT First Year 2019

The **NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE** to whom has been assigned:

## **NAVAJO LEGISLATIVE BILL #0177-19**

An Action Relating to Naabik'íyáti' Committee; Respectfully Requesting the Governor of New Mexico, Michelle Lujan Grisham, to Name US Route 491 in Honor Of The Late Senator Dr. John Pinto

*Sponsored by: Honorable Mark A. Freeland*

*Co-Sponsored by: Honorable Raymond Smith, Jr.*

Has had it under consideration and reports the same that the legislation **WAS TABLED WITH ONE (1) AMENDMENT AND SHALL REMAIN WITH THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE.**

Respectfully Submitted,



*Honorable Seth Damon, Chairman  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE*

**05 September 2019**

### **TABLING MOTION**

*Motioned by: Honorable Raymond Smith, Jr.*

*Seconded by: Honorable Pernell Halona*

*Vote: 09 in Favor, 08 Opposed (Chairman Damon Breaks Tie Voting In-Favor)*

### **AMENDMENT #1**

Page 1 of 2, line 13, after the word "GRISHAM," insert, "and New Mexico State Transportation Commission"

Page 2 of 2, line 22, after the word "GRISHAM" insert, "and New Mexico State Transportation Commission"

*Motioned by: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton*

*Seconded by: Honorable Charlaine Tso*

*Vote: 13 in Favor, 02 Opposed (Chairman Damon Not Voting)*

### **MAIN MOTION**

*Motioned by: Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.*

*Seconded by: Honorable Raymond Smith, Jr.*

*Vote: in Favor, Opposed (Chairman Damon Not Voting)*



# NAVAJO NATION

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9/5/2019

Naa'bik'iyati Committee Meeting

12:18:00 PM

Amd# to Amd#

Table Legislation 0177-19

FAILED

MOT Smith

until next Naabikiyati Committee

SEC Halona, P

Meeting

Yea : <sup>94</sup>8

Nay : 8

Excused : 1

Not Voting : 5

Yea : 8

Charles-Newton  
Halona, P

Nez, R  
Smith

Stewart, W  
Tso, E

Tso, O  
Walker, T

*Damon (the breaker)*

Nay : 8

Begay, K  
Begay, P

Brown  
Daniels

Freeland, M  
James, V

Tso, C  
Yellowhair

Excused : 1

Tso, D

Not Voting : 5

Begay, E  
Crotty

Henio, J

Wauneka, E

Yazzie

Presiding Chair: Damon

# NAVAJO NATION

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9/5/2019

Naa'bik'iyati Committee Meeting

11:53:26 AM

Amd#1 to Amd#  
MOT Charles-Newton  
SEC Tso, C  
Page 1, line 13, after the  
word "GRISHAM," insert "New  
Mexico State Transportation  
Commission"

PASSED

**Yea : 13**

**Nay : 2**

**Excused : 1**

**Not Voting : 6**

## **Yea : 13**

Begay, K  
Begay, P  
Daniels  
Freeland, M

Halona, P  
James, V  
Nez, R

Smith  
Stewart, W  
Tso, C

Tso, O  
Walker, T  
Yellowhair

## **Nay : 2**

Tso, E

Charles-Newton

## **Excused : 1**

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## **Not Voting : 6**

Begay, E  
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**Presiding Chair: Damon**