

RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE  
23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Fourth Year, 2018

AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; DESIGNATING NAVAJO SERVICE ROUTE 6 AS  
THE "KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"

WHEREAS:

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Resources and Development Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered the committee "to promulgate rules and regulations governing transportation, community development, local government units, land acquisitions for the Navajo Nation, environmental protection, and the use, sale, exchange and development of Navajo Nation lands and/or resources, whether held in fee or trust status." 2 N.N.C. §§ 500 (A), 501 (B) (1).
- B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered the Naabik'íyáti' Committee to assist and coordinate all requests for information, appearances and testimony relating to proposed county, state and federal legislation impacting the Navajo Nation. See 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A) (9), 701 (A) (4), 701 (A) (6) (2015); See also CO-45-12.
- C. Statements of policy are written statements submitted to federal, state, or local governments by a Navajo Nation official stating the official position of the Navajo Nation on proposed legislation or other action by that government. See 2 N.N.C. § 100 (W).
- D. Statements of policy, enactments of positive law, intergovernmental agreements, budget resolutions, and reallocations, must be reviewed and approved by resolution by the appropriate standing committee(s) and the Navajo Nation Council except as otherwise provided herein. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A).
- E. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the United States of America, Treaty of 1868, Aug. 12, 1868, 15 Stat. 667.

- F. Navajo Service Route 6 is a section of highway on the Navajo Nation. Navajo Service Route 6 spans approximately 40 miles on the Navajo Nation and provides access to the communities of Indian Wells, Greasewood, and Whitecone. Today Navajo Service Route 6 continues to be maintained through a joint effort by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Navajo Department of Transportation.
- G. The Korean War began on June 30, 1950, with the crossing of the 39<sup>th</sup> Parallel by North Korea People's Army into the Republic of Korea. The conflict lasted for three years with approximately 800 Navajos serving in that war. In 2016, a South Korean delegation honored Navajo servicemen of the Korean War with "Ambassador for Peace" Medals at a ceremony in Leupp, Arizona. The Navajo warrior continues to be a significant figure among the Navajo People. See *South Korean delegation honors Navajo's Korean War veterans*, Navajo Times, May 26, 2016, attached as **Exhibit A**.
- H. It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to designate Navajo Service Route 6 as the "Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway" to recognize the bravery and sacrifice of those who have served in the United States military.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

- A. The Navajo Nation hereby designates Navajo Service Route 6 as the "Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway" and requests the Navajo Nation Department of Transportation to assign Navajo Service Route 6 the name "Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway" in all mapping, inventories, other road documentation, and the Road Inventory Field Data System.
- B. The Navajo Nation respectfully requests the Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs to recognize Navajo Service Route 6 as the "Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway" in all mapping, inventories, other road documentation, and the Road Inventory Field Data System.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 13 in Favor and 00 Opposed, on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.



LoRenzo C. Bates, Chairperson  
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

Motion: Honorable Davis Filfred

Second: Honorable Seth A. Damon

Chairperson Bates not voting

# South Korean delegation honors Navajo's Korean War veterans

By Christopher S. Pineo , May 26, 2016



Special to the Times | Ravonelle Yazzie

South Koreans present Navajo Korean War Veterans with “Ambassador for Peace Medal” in recognition for the sacrifices made in the Korean War on May 22 in Luepp, Ariz., during the Honoring Korean War Veterans of the Navajo Nation & Navajo-Korean Fellowship Worship Service.

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The Korean War became known as “The Forgotten War,” but South Koreans will never forget the service of Korean War veterans who sacrificed for the stability the nation now enjoys.



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Representatives of South Korea honor Navajo Korean War Veterans with the “Ambassador for Peace Medal” on May 22 in Leupp, Ariz., at the Ranch Hands Ministry Church during the Honoring Korean War Veterans of the Navajo Nation & Navajo-Korean Fellowship Worship Service.

“I assure you all that to us Koreans, even though the Korean War began 66 years ago, your sacrifice will never be forgotten,” said Consul of South Korea in Los Angeles Jaehoon Min veterans at a gathering Sunday. “In fact we Koreans feel your sacrifices every day, in our hearts, and in our country.”

In the years since the 60th anniversary of the beginning of the conflict in 2010, South Koreans have developed a tradition of thanking small communities of veterans who fought in the three-year conflict.

A group of about 200 South Koreans traveled to Navajo to honor the sacrifices of Navajo veterans. An estimated 800 Navajos served in that war, and a delegation of around 100 South Koreans traveled to Leupp on May 22 to continue the tradition on the soil of the Navajo Nation. For many veterans gathered under the tent at Ranch Hands Ministry, it was the first time a group traveled across the world to express such gratitude.

Min presented the “Ambassadors For Peace Medal” to 35 Navajo veterans who served in the conflict. The event attracted 48 Navajo veterans, so organizers promised more medals would reach Navajo veterans at later dates.

Clarence N. Gorman, 85, of Chinle, had served in the conflict as well and received a medal at the event.

# NAVAJO NATION

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Naa'bik'iyati Committee

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Legislation 0497-17:

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MOT Filfred

Designating Navajo Service Route

SEC Damon

6 as the "Korean War Veterans  
Memorial Highway"

**Yea : 13**

**Nay : 0**

**Not Voting : 11**

**Yea : 13**

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**Not Voting : 11**

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