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H. RES. 369

Expressing support for the designation of May 5, 2021, as the “National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 4, 2021

Mr. NEWHOUSE (for himself, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. ROSENDALE, Ms. HERRELL, Mr. COLE, Mrs. HINSON, and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

RESOLUTION

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Whereas according to a study commissioned by the Department of Justice, in some Tribal communities, American Indian women face murder rates that are more than 10 times the national average;

Whereas according to the most recently available data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2017, homicide was the sixth leading cause of death for American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls under 44 years of age;

Whereas approximately 1,500 American Indian and Alaska Native missing persons have been entered into the National Crime Information Center throughout the United States, and approximately 2,700 cases of murder and nonnegligent homicide offenses have been reported to the Federal Government’s Uniform Crime Reporting Program;

Whereas, in 2020, Savanna’s Act and the Not Invisible Act were signed into law to address this lack of data and to improve law enforcement coordination to address the number of missing and murdered American Indian and Alaska Native women; and

Whereas in previous years, May 5 has been designated as the day of remembrance for “Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls” in honor of the birth date of Hanna Harris, a member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, who was murdered after being reported missing by her family in Lame Deer, Montana: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) expresses support for the designation of the
3 “National Day of Awareness for Missing and Mur-
4 dered Native Women and Girls”;

5 (2) calls on the people of the United States and
6 interested groups to—

7 (A) commemorate the lives of missing and
8 murdered American Indian and Alaska Native
9 women whose cases are documented and un-
10 documented in public records and the media;
11 and

- 1 (B) demonstrate solidarity with the fami-
- 2 lies of victims in light of those tragedies; and
- 3 (3) recognizes there is more work to be done to
- 4 address this nationwide crisis.

