

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11
2 BY SMITH, HORBACH, WINCKLER, BERRY, DAVITT, HUSEMAN,
3 SHOULTZ, MILLER, CONNORS, JONES, BELL, REASONER,
4 OLDSON, HEDDENS, STRUYK, FREVERT, FORD, D. OLSON,
5 DANDEKAR, DENNIS, GRANZOW, HANSON, SWAIM, KUHN,
6 GREINER, HOGG, JOCHUM, FOEGE, MURPHY, BOAL, LENSING,
7 OSTERHAUS, HOFFMAN, FALLON, WATTS, DE BOEF,
8 VAN ENGELHOFEN, BOGGESS, HUTTER, WENDT, MYERS,
9 QUIRK, T. TAYLOR, THOMAS, LYKAM, MADDOX, BODDICKER,
10 CHAMBERS, TYMESON, WHITAKER, ALONS, LALK, GASKILL,
11 ARNOLD, RASMUSSEN, D. TAYLOR, BUKTA, KLEMME, GIPP,
12 JACOBS, TJEPKES, WISE, STEVENS, PETERSEN, DOLECHECK,
13 ROBERTS, EICHHORN, and HUSER

14 A Resolution to honor the Meskwaki Code Talkers who
15 served in the United States Armed Forces in North
16 Africa during World War II.

17 WHEREAS, early in the 20th century, the American
18 military relied on the transmission of spoken language
19 by phone and radio to communicate such critical
20 information as the location of enemy troops and
21 numbers of enemy guns; and

22 WHEREAS, because these methods of transmission were
23 rather unsophisticated and messages were easily
24 intercepted by enemy forces, the languages of several
25 Native American tribes were developed for use as code
26 during World Wars I and II to transmit vital
27 information; and

28 WHEREAS, although this code was never broken and
29 the work of the Native American Code Talkers who
30 transmitted the messages is credited with saving

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1 countless lives, only the Navajo Code Talkers have
2 received recognition for their service; and

3 WHEREAS, some 17 other tribes, including at least
4 eight members of the Meskwaki tribe from Tama County,
5 served as Code Talkers during World War II; and

6 WHEREAS, the eight Meskwaki Code Talkers, Frank
7 Sanache, his brother Willard Sanache, Dewey Youngbear,
8 Edward Benson, Judy Wayne Wabaunasee, Mike Wayne
9 Wabaunasee, Dewey Roberts, and Mike Twin, served as
10 scouts for eight companies of their division in North
11 Africa, and worked 24-hour shifts under dangerous
12 conditions in locations far ahead of American lines to
13 direct U.S. artillery fire to enemy positions; and

14 WHEREAS, the only surviving member of these brave
15 Meskwaki Code Talkers, Frank Sanache, was captured by
16 the Germans and endured terrible hardships in a Polish
17 prisoner-of-war camp until the camp was liberated by
18 the Allied forces at the end of the war; and

19 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the valiant
20 efforts of these citizens of Iowa be recognized and
21 honored; NOW THEREFORE,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
23 That the House of Representatives recognizes the
24 bravery and dedicated service of the Meskwaki Code
25 Talkers and expresses gratitude for the contribution
26 these soldiers made to saving many American lives.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon adoption, a copy
28 of this Resolution be sent to Frank Sanache and to the
29 families of the other Meskwaki tribe members who
30 served as Code Talkers in World War II.