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No. 12

(House Joint Resolution No. 32)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Burial of Chief Turkey Tayac

FOR the purpose of requesting the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to allow the burial of Chief Turkey Tayac in a certain location.

WHEREAS, Chief Turkey Tayac, who died on December 8, 1978, was a nationally known medicine man of the Piscataway Nation; and

WHEREAS, Chief Tayac served in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War I and was both severely wounded and gassed; and

WHEREAS, He was an activist in the Indian Movement and helped preserve Indian culture; and

WHEREAS, Chief Tayac desired to be buried on land he owned at Accokeek, Maryland which he gave to the Department of the Interior to be included in Piscataway Park; and

WHEREAS, The Department of the Interior has since refused to allow him to be buried there, so that his body is presently interred in a mausoleum awaiting return to Mother Earth in the Indian tradition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the United States Congress is urged to enact legislation to honor Chief Turkey Tayac as Chief of the Piscataway Nation, by allowing his burial in the Indian tradition on land he once owned in Piscataway Park at Accokeek, Maryland; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. and Paul S. Sarbanes, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510, and the remaining members of the United States Senate; and Representatives Robert E. Bauman, Clarence D. Long, Barbara A. Mikulski, Marjorie S. Holt, Gladys N. Spellman, Beverly B. Byron, Parren J. Mitchell, and Michael D. Barnes, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; Representative Morris K. Udall, Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 and the remaining members of the United States House of Representatives; and