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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

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DATE: March 1, 2021

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK’ÍYÁTI’ COMMITTEE; URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO INVESTIGATE THE DEATHS OF UNITED STATES (U.S.) ARMY SPECIALIST, MIGUEL DOUGLAS YAZZIE, AND ARMY PRIVATE CARLTON CHEE; STATIONED AT FORT (FT.) HOOD TEXAS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PURPOSE: To urge the United States Department of Defense to investigate the deaths of U.S. Army Specialist, Miguel Douglas Yazzie and Army Private Carlton Chee stationed at Fort Hood Texas.

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.
PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Third Year 2021

INTRODUCED BY

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WHEREAS,
A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102 (A).
B. The Naabik’íyáti’ Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is empowered to review all proposed legislation which requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. 164 (A)(9).
D. U.S. Army Specialist, Miguel Douglas Yazzie (Specialist Yazzie), enlisted in 2016, and was an Air Defense Early Warning Systems Operator.
E. Specialist Yazzie was stationed in South Korea prior to being stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas.
F. On July 3, 2020, Specialist Yazzie was discovered deceased on the Ft. Hood Army Base.
G. In an unrelated incident, U.S. Army Private Carlton Chee (Private Chee), a Navajo from Pinehill, New Mexico died at Ft. Hood two months earlier.

H. Specialist Yazzie’s and Private Chee’s deaths are two (2) of twenty-eight (28) deaths that occurred at Ft. Hood in 2020.

I. On November 24, 2020, Specialist Yazzie’s father, Michael Yazzie (Mr. Yazzie), stated during a telephone communication, there is no closure of the matter and the Defense Department has not provided an official cause of death.

J. Mr. Yazzie seeks continuous support from the Navajo Nation and urges the Defense Department to thoroughly investigate his son’s, Specialist Yazzie’s, death. See three (3) page letter authored by Michael Yazzie incorporated herein as Exhibit A.

K. On December 16, 2020, a family spokesman of Private Chee’s family was contacted and did not object to the Defense Department to conduct thorough investigations into the untimely deaths of Specialist Yazzie and Private Chee.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

A. The Navajo Nation supports and urges the United States Defense Department to thoroughly investigate Specialist Miguel Douglas Yazzie’s and Private Carlton Chee’s deaths.

B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Navajo Nation President, the Navajo Nation Speaker, to advocate and support the investigation of Specialist Miguel Douglas Yazzie’s and Private Carlton Chee’s deaths.