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President Begaye applauds resolution that addresses international trafficking of Native American cultural patrimony

WASHINGTON—Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye commended the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs for passage of bipartisan S Con Res 49, the Protection of the Right of Tribes to stop the Export of Cultural and Traditional (PROTECT) Patrimony Resolution introduced by Sen. Tom Udall (D-N.M.) with support from Sens. John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.).

Two amendments to the resolution were introduced by Sen. Udall, which calls for clarification on the definition of “Native American” and support for the Government Accountability Office’s required study on the international trafficking of Native American cultural patrimony and human remains.

“The Navajo Nation is grateful for the passage of this important resolution. We will continue to fight for full control and sovereignty over our sacred Navajo property. We look forward to the GAO study and we will continue to monitor its movement through Congress,” said President Begaye.

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