

November 5, 1959

The Honorable Thor C. Tollefson  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Mr. Tollefson

At the October meeting of Elizabeth Forey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution in Tacoma, Washington, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

"Resolved that this Chapter is in full support of 'House Resolution 2939, a bill to provide that the Secretary of the Army shall purchase certain oil paintings of Nez Perce Indian leaders for display at the site of the Chief Joseph Dam in the State of Washington"

and recommends its enactment.

It was further resolved that Mrs. Burton C. Andrus, Chapter Chairman of the Committee on American Indians, should write to Mr. Tollefson and inform him of their support of his Bill.

The ladies of the chapter have seen Mrs. Alcorn's paintings of the Nez Perce, which during October were on display at the Tacoma Public Library.

The majestic dignity of the subjects and the vivid accuracy of the coloring of their trappings impresses one at once with the historic value of these paintings. They can never be replaced. Even at the time of their painting, Mrs. Alcorn had difficulty in persuading her subjects to don their tribal regalia.

Everyone who sees them is impressed at once with the knowledge that no other place as fitting could be chosen for their preservation than the Chief Joseph Dam.

In my opinion, and that of those with whom I have talked, the paintings would prove a very important addition to the Dam and a matter of tremendously added interest to visitors there.

Very sincerely yours

Katherine Andrus

(Mrs B.C. Andrus)