

1 WHEREAS, today there exists the Four Winds Tribe, Louisiana
2 Cherokee Confederacy, a domestic nonprofit corporation, registered with the
3 secretary of state of Louisiana; and

4 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the state of Louisiana to recognize the
5 Indian tribes within the borders of the state, to support their aspirations for the
6 preservation of their cultural heritage and the improvement of their economic
7 conditions, and to assist them in their just rights.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana
9 formally recognizes the Four Winds Tribe, Louisiana Cherokee Confederacy.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States
11 and the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs are hereby memorialized,
12 requested, and urged to take such steps as are necessary to effect, in the near
13 future, formal recognition of the Four Winds Tribe, Louisiana Cherokee
14 Confederacy, and to acknowledge that the rights of the Four Winds Tribe,
15 Louisiana Cherokee Confederacy, are no less, if not indeed greater, than those
16 of other Indian tribes in the United States, and, therefore, to take such
17 executive or congressional action as may be appropriate.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be
19 transmitted to the president of the United States, the presiding officers of the
20 Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States,
21 each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation, and the director of the
22 Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States Department of the Interior only after
23 the tribe has executed an agreement with the governor forswearing for all
24 time any possible right the tribe may have to seek approval to operate an
25 Indian gaming establishment.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the intent of this Resolution shall
27 in no way be construed to allow recognition of any of the aforementioned

1 tribes for purposes of gaming or the ownership or operation of a gaming
2 establishment.

DIGEST

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Provides that the Legislature of Louisiana formally recognizes the Four Winds Tribe, Louisiana Cherokee Confederacy, but expresses the intent that this shall not be construed to allow recognition for purposes of gaming or the ownership or operation of a gaming establishment.

Memorializes congress to take necessary steps to effect formal recognition of the Four Winds Tribe, Louisiana Cherokee Confederacy, and to acknowledge that the rights of the Four Winds Tribe, Louisiana Cherokee Confederacy are no less, if not indeed greater, than those of other Indian tribes in the United States.

Provides that the Resolution shall be transmitted to the president of the U.S., the presiding officers of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, the Louisiana congressional delegation, and the director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, but only after the tribe has agreed to forswear any right it may have to seek approval to operate an Indian gaming establishment.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed resolution.

1. Provided that the Resolution shall not be construed to allow recognition for purposes of gaming or the ownership or operation of a gaming establishment.
2. Provided that the Resolution shall not be transmitted until the tribe has agreed to forswear any right it may have to seek approval to operate an Indian gaming establishment.