SRS 97-525 ENGROSSED

Regular Session, 1997

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32

BY SENATOR CAIN

INDIAN AFFAIRS. Recognizes Four Winds Tribe, Louisiana Cherokee Confederacy as an Indian tribe.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To recognize the Four Winds Tribe, Louisiana Cherokee Confederacy as an
3	Indian tribe.
4	WHEREAS, the Indian Removal Act of 1830 forced many Indians
5	living east of the Mississippi River to sell their land and move to less fertile
6	lands on a Western reservation; and
7	WHEREAS, the five tribes most affected by the Indian Removal Act
8	of 1830 were the Chickasaw, Creek, Choctaw, Seminole, and Cherokee; and
9	WHEREAS, the Indian Removal Act of 1830 caused Southern Indians
10	to embark on what came to be known as "The Trail of Tears" from 1830 until
11	1842; and
12	WHEREAS, as a result of the Indian Removal Act of 1830, many small
13	groups of the five tribes escaped and crossed the Mississippi River into
14	Louisiana and settled near the central and western part of Louisiana in
15	Rapides, Vernon, and Natchitoches parishes, much of what was known at one
16	time as "No Man's Land"; and

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WHEREAS, today there exists the Four Winds Tribe, Louisiana
Cherokee Confederacy, a domestic nonprofit corporation, registered with the
secretary of state of Louisiana; and
WHEREAS, it is the policy of the state of Louisiana to recognize the

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Indian tribes within the borders of the state and to support their aspirations for the preservation of their cultural heritage and the improvement of their economic conditions, and to assist them in their just rights.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Four Winds Tribe, Louisiana Cherokee Confederacy will agree in writing with the governor of the state of Louisiana not to apply in the next 99 years for any gaming license, compact or permit for any reservation within Louisiana prior to the resolution being effective.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event it is not agreed to by the tribe, the resolution is hereby null and void.

The original instrument was prepared by Amanda Jones. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Diane M. Burkhart.

Cain (SCR 32) DIGEST

Provides that the Legislature of Louisiana formally recognize the Four Winds Tribe, Louisiana Cherokee Confederation.

Requires tribe to agree not to apply for any gaming license or permit.

Provides that if the tribe doesn't agree to the aforementioned provision the resolution be null and void.

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill.

1. Deletes provisions memorializing the U.S. Congress to recognize the tribe and deletes directions to transmit a copy to U.S. officials.

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## Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1. Requires that the Four Winds Tribe, Louisiana Cherokee Confederacy agree in writing with the governor of Louisiana not to apply in the next 99 years for any gaming license, compact, or permit prior to the resolution being effective. Provides that if such agreement is not made the resolution shall be null and void.