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HR 1008

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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 RECOGNIZING THE NORTHERN CHEROKEE NATION OF
10 MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS AS A STATE RECOGNIZED
11 NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBE.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 RECOGNIZING THE NORTHERN CHEROKEE NATION
15 OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS AS A STATE
16 RECOGNIZED NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBE.

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19 WHEREAS, the people of the Northern Cherokee Nation of Missouri and
20 Arkansas are descendents of the original Cherokee Nation and settled in the
21 states of Arkansas and Missouri rather than in the Indian Territory; and

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23 WHEREAS, the Northern Cherokee Nation of Missouri and Arkansas has
24 continued a form of tribal government for the past one hundred forty (140)
25 years and in 1979 wrote a constitution and by-laws creating, beginning in
26 1982, a new and working tribal organization in Arkansas and Missouri; and

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28 WHEREAS, people of the Northern Cherokee Nation of Missouri and
29 Arkansas who are citizens of Arkansas have represented our state in the
30 United States Armed Services through several wars; and

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32 WHEREAS, recognition of the Northern Cherokee Nation of Missouri and
33 Arkansas as a state recognized Native American tribe confers benefits upon
34 the people of the Northern Cherokee Nation of Missouri and Arkansas, benefits
35 that include recognizing Northern Cherokee artists as Native American artists
36 under the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990, Pub. L. No. 101-644, and the



1 Indian Arts and Crafts Enforcement Act of 2000, Pub. L. No. 106-497, and
2 providing access to scholarships for Native American youth,

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4 NOW THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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9 That the Northern Cherokee Nation of Missouri and Arkansas is
10 recognized as a state recognized Native American tribe.

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this recognition does not authorize the
13 establishment of any smoke shops of any kind, does not authorize the
14 establishment of any tribal casinos or gaming of any kind, does not authorize
15 the establishment of any pari-mutuel waging, and does not give the Northern
16 Cherokee Nation of Missouri and Arkansas, as an organization, any additional
17 rights or powers other than those contained in the Arkansas Constitution.