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HR 1008

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5 By: Representatives Judy, Edwards, Roebuck

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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 since 1831 and in 1895 wrote a*  
25 *constitution and by-laws creating a working tribal organization in Arkansas*  
26 *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.

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19 /s/ Judy, et al  
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