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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 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, the Northern Cherokee Nation of Missouri and Arkansas*
33 *represents an important aspect of the rich cultural heritage of Arkansas; and*

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35 *WHEREAS, the Northern Cherokee Nation of Missouri and Arkansas should*
36 *be recognized as a state recognized Native American tribe for the purpose of*



1 *expanding opportunities for economic development for Native Americans,*
2 *providing access to scholarships for Native American youth, and providing*
3 *access to federal programs under the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990, Pub.*
4 *L. No. 101-644, and the Indian Arts and Crafts Enforcement Act of 2000, Pub.*
5 *L. No. 106-497 for Northern Cherokee artists,*

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7 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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12 That the Northern Cherokee Nation of Missouri and Arkansas is
13 recognized as a state recognized Native American *tribe, for the purpose of*
14 *expanding opportunities for economic development for Native Americans,*
15 *providing access to scholarships for Native American youth, and providing*
16 *access to federal programs under the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990, Pub.*
17 *L. No. 101-644, and the Indian Arts and Crafts Enforcement Act of 2000, Pub.*
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this recognition does not authorize the
21 establishment of any smoke shops of any kind, does not authorize the
22 establishment of any tribal casinos or gaming of any kind, does not authorize
23 the establishment of any pari-mutuel waging, and does not give the Northern
24 Cherokee Nation of Missouri and Arkansas, as an organization, any additional
25 rights or powers other than those contained in the Arkansas Constitution.

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27 */s/ Judy, et al*
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