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5 By: Senator Madison

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8 **SENATE 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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18 WHEREAS, the people of the Northern Cherokee Nation of Missouri and  
19 Arkansas are descendents of the original Cherokee Nation and settled in the  
20 states of Arkansas and Missouri rather than in the Indian Territory; and

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

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

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31 WHEREAS, recognition of the Northern Cherokee Nation of Missouri and  
32 Arkansas as a state recognized Native American tribe confers benefits upon  
33 the people of the Northern Cherokee Nation of Missouri and Arkansas, benefits  
34 that include recognizing Northern Cherokee artists as Native American artists  
35 under the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990, Pub. L. No. 101-644, and the  
36 Indian Arts and Crafts Enforcement Act of 2000, Pub. L. No. 106-497, and



1 providing access to scholarships for Native American youth,

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3 NOW THEREFORE,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
5 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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

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

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