

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The East Texas Choctaw Tribe of more than 200  
2 families exists in Newton and Jasper Counties as a distinct  
3 community sharing customs and traditions, kinship organization,  
4 and religious beliefs and practices; and

5 WHEREAS, Descendents of James Tyler, the East Texas Choctaw  
6 are also related to Meredith (Maraday) Tyler, who was born at the  
7 Clifton Choctaw Reservation in Rapids Parish, Louisiana, in 1864  
8 and died in Bon Wier, Texas, in 1937; and

9 WHEREAS, The Clifton Choctaw Tribe was formally recognized as  
10 an Indian tribe by the State of Louisiana more than 50 years ago,  
11 and East Texas Choctaw Tribe members take justifiable pride in  
12 being descendents of a historical Indian tribe; and

13 WHEREAS, Throughout the years, the East Texas Choctaw have  
14 played an integral role in Texas' development, and the Native  
15 American tribes who were among the first Texans have greatly  
16 enriched our shared heritage with their culture; and

17 WHEREAS, Given the tribe's valuable contributions to Texas'  
18 history and diversity, the Texas House of Representatives finds  
19 that it is appropriate to encourage the East Texas Choctaw Tribe to  
20 preserve its cultural and spiritual heritage and traditions; now,  
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
23 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby honor the East Texas  
24 Choctaw Tribe and commend the tribe's efforts to preserve its

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 143 was adopted by the House on August 8, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House