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H.R. No. 812

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the State of Texas
2 is pleased to recognize the Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, The Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas is the present-day
4 incarnation of the clans, bands, and divisions historically known
5 as the Lipan Apaches, who have lived in Texas and northern Mexico
6 for 300 years; and

7 WHEREAS, The Lipan Apaches have a culture rich in tradition
8 and a heritage that has been handed down from one generation to the
9 next; they have maintained their sense of community from the days of
10 treaties until the present day despite social, economic, and
11 military instabilities; and

12 WHEREAS, The Lipan Apaches have enjoyed government to
13 government relations with Spain, Mexico, the Republic of Texas, the
14 United States of America, and the State of Texas; these relations
15 have taken the form of treaties, alliances, and pledges of
16 friendship; and

17 WHEREAS, The Lipan Apaches have faithfully served when called
18 upon to bear arms in protection of their fellow Texans and
19 Americans; the tribe honors many veterans who served as scouts in
20 World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Iraq; the Tribal
21 Shield of the Lipan Apache proudly flies beside the American flag in
22 Afghanistan, where one of the Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas warriors
23 is serving on his second tour; and

24 WHEREAS, The Lipan Apaches of today continue to serve their

1 communities as police officers, ministers, nurses, and school
2 teachers and in many other occupations that speak to integrity and
3 fidelity of service to others; and

4 WHEREAS, The treaty closest to the heart of the Lipan Apache
5 is the Live Oak Treaty of 1838; the promises of "Peace and Perpetual
6 Friendship" live today as they did when President Sam Houston and
7 the Lipan Apache pledged this commitment to one another; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize the Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas and
11 commend it on its many valuable contributions to this state; and, be
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for the
14 tribe as an expression of highest esteem from the Texas House of
15 Representatives.