

By: White of Tyler

H.R. No. 1416

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Nita Battise of Livingston was sworn in as the new
2 chair of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribal Council on February 23, 2015;
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4 WHEREAS, The council is the seven-member governing body of
5 the federally recognized Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, a Native
6 American tribe that has lived in Polk County since the 1850s; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Battise is the third woman to be elected as
8 chair, and the first chair to be elected directly by popular vote of
9 the tribal membership; since August 2011, she has served the tribe
10 as vice chair of the council; and

11 WHEREAS, This respected leader is a member of a venerable
12 family with a long history in the tribe, including her grandmother,
13 Dorcas Battise Bullock, who celebrated her 95th birthday three days
14 before Ms. Battise was sworn in; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Battise may indeed reflect with pride on the
16 trust and respect she has earned from the members of her tribe, as
17 she takes on the challenges and opportunities of her new role; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
20 Legislature hereby congratulate Nita Battise on her election as
21 chair of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribal Council and extend to her
22 sincere best wishes for success in her important work; and, be it
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for Ms. Battise as an expression of high regard by the
2 Texas House of Representatives.