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H.R. No. 121

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The men, women, and children of the Echota Cherokee
2 of Texas carry forward the traditions of a proud culture with a
3 storied history in our state; and

4 WHEREAS, The community's members are descended from
5 survivors of the "Trail of Tears," the forced migration that took
6 place when Native Americans east of the Mississippi River were
7 relocated to the Indian Territory in the West in the late 1830s; and

8 WHEREAS, Thousands of Cherokee died along the Trail of Tears,
9 but some escaped and fled to the mountains of Alabama and other
10 remote areas; there, they ultimately became known as the Echota
11 Cherokee Indian Tribe, and other Echota Cherokee groups were
12 established in various parts of the United States, including Texas;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, There are presently around 60 Echota Cherokee living
15 in our state; their numbers include many individuals who have
16 distinguished themselves through their service in the U.S.
17 military, as well as others whose business and professional
18 endeavors have earned them the high esteem of their fellow Texans;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Heirs to a rich legacy, the members of the Echota
21 Cherokee of Texas are strengthened by the close ties of kinship and
22 heritage that have been passed down from their forebears, and it is
23 indeed fitting to pay tribute to their contributions to the Lone
24 Star State; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
2 Legislature hereby honor the Echota Cherokee of Texas and extend to
3 its members sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for the tribe as an expression of high regard by the Texas
6 House of Representatives.