

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Echota Cherokee of Texas benefit greatly from  
2 the leadership of Chief Stuart Parsons Sr. and his fellow officers,  
3 Vice Chief Wynnfred Batey and Secretary Andrew Parsons Jr.; and

4           WHEREAS, The Echota Cherokee are descended from survivors of  
5 the infamous "Trail of Tears," the forced relocation of the  
6 Cherokee from their ancestral lands in the Southeastern United  
7 States to territories west of the Mississippi River in the 1830s;  
8 today, about 60 people make up the Echota Cherokee of Texas, one of  
9 several Echota groups in the nation; and

10           WHEREAS, Stuart Parsons Sr. played a leading role in the  
11 establishment of the Echota Cherokee Clan in Texas; a member of the  
12 Batey family through his mother, Evelyn Batey Parsons, he was  
13 appointed as the clan's first chief by Chief Charlotte Hallmark of  
14 the Echota Cherokee of Alabama in 2012, and he has been reelected by  
15 the Texas clan's members in the years since; he has also represented  
16 the Echota Cherokee of Alabama at the National Congress of American  
17 Indians, and he is the owner of a commercial roofing business in  
18 Waco; and

19           WHEREAS, Wynnfred Batey is also part of the Batey family  
20 lineage, and he has served alongside Chief Parsons as vice chief  
21 since 2012; Andrew Parsons Jr. is likewise a member of the Batey  
22 family, and he has held the office of secretary since January 2017;  
23 and

24           WHEREAS, Under the able guidance of these three dedicated

1 leaders, the Echota Cherokee of Texas honor their proud history and  
2 their strong ties of kinship while looking forward to the  
3 challenges and opportunities of the future; now, therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby commend Chief Stuart Parsons Sr., Vice Chief  
6 Wynnfred Batey, and Secretary Andrew Parsons Jr. for their service  
7 to the Echota Cherokee of Texas and extend to them sincere best  
8 wishes for continued success in their work; and, be it further

9       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for Chief Parsons, Vice Chief Batey, and Secretary Parsons  
11 as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of  
12 Representatives.

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Straus	Goldman	Oliverson
Allen	Gonzales of Williamson	Ortega
Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
Alvarado	Gooden	Parker
Anchia	Guerra	Paul
Anderson of Dallas	Guillen	Perez
Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
Blanco	Huberty	Rinaldi
Bohac	Hunter	Roberts
Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Israel	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
Cosper	Landgraf	Stephenson
Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Swanson
Darby	Leach	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Martinez	Turner
Dukes	Metcalf	Uresti
Dutton	Meyer	VanDeaver
Elkins	Miller	Villalba
Faircloth	Minjarez	Vo
Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Frank	Murphy	Workman
Frullo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Neave	Wu
Gervin-Hawkins	Nevárez	Zedler
Giddings	Oliveira	Zerwas

H.R. No. 752

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 752 was adopted by the House on March 16, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House