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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.