

1 notable leaders of the community have included Chief Chicken
2 Trotter, also known as Devereaux Jarrett Bell, who signed the 1843
3 Treaty of Birds Fort on behalf of the Cherokee, and, in the 20th
4 century, TCAB chairs W. W. Keeler, who served as principal chief of
5 the Cherokee Nation and as CEO of Phillips Petroleum Company, and
6 Foster T. Bean, who served as mayor of Kilgore for more than 20
7 years; and

8 WHEREAS, The original settlers of Mount Tabor and their
9 descendants have contributed in myriad ways to their communities,
10 their state, and their nation; they have worn the uniform of every
11 branch of this country's armed forces and taken part in every
12 conflict from the Civil War to Iraq and Afghanistan; in civilian
13 life, they have served in roles ranging from police officers and
14 judges to ministers and school teachers; and

15 WHEREAS, Throughout its history, Texas has drawn strength
16 from the great diversity of its people and cultures, and it is a
17 privilege to recognize the Mount Tabor Indian Community for the
18 indelible imprint it has made on the Lone Star State; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
21 hereby recognize the Mount Tabor Indian Community of Texas and
22 commend it on its many valuable contributions to this state; and, be
23 it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for the Mount Tabor Indian Community as an expression of
26 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.