

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas is the present-day
3 incarnation of a proud people who have lived in Texas and northern
4 Mexico for more than 300 years; and

5 WHEREAS, The Lipan Apaches have entered into treaties,
6 alliances, and pledges of friendship with the governments of Spain,
7 Mexico, the German Confederation, and the United States; President
8 Sam Houston and the Republic of Texas formally acknowledged a
9 friendship with the Lipan Apaches through the Treaty of Live Oak
10 Point in 1838; and

11 WHEREAS, Today, the Lipan Apache Tribe is represented by a
12 tribal government with a constitution and bylaws, and the tribe is a
13 voting member of the National Congress of American Indians; the
14 eagle remains sacred to the tribe, and the United States Department
15 of the Interior has acknowledged the religious and legal rights of
16 more than 200 tribal members to use eagle feathers in their
17 ceremonial practices; and

18 WHEREAS, Lipan Apaches have faithfully served in the armed
19 forces of the United States during World War I, World War II, the
20 Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan,
21 as well as in other deployments; moreover, tribe member Frank Leota
22 of San Antonio has risen to the prestigious post of command sergeant
23 major for the United States Army Pacific Command; in addition,
24 members of the Lipan Apache Tribe have served as police officers,

1 ministers, nurses, and schoolteachers, as well as in many other
2 important occupations; and

3 WHEREAS, Blessed with a rich heritage, the Lipan Apaches have
4 maintained a strong sense of identity and community, and they
5 continue to make a valuable contribution to the culture of the Lone
6 Star State; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas
8 hereby recognize the Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas and commend it on
9 its many valuable contributions to this state; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the tribe as an expression of high regard by the Texas
12 House of Representatives and Senate.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 61 was adopted by the Senate on May 10, 2019.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 61 was adopted by the House on May 17, 2019.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor