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S.C.R. No. 61

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

1 occupations; and

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

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

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