

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Commending Congress for Honoring 33 Native American Tribes with Congressional Gold Medals

Resolution No. 14-03



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WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes (ITC) is an organization that unites the tribal governments of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek), and Seminole Nations, representing over 500,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and,

WHEREAS, many Senatorial and Congressional leaders were present at the Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony honoring Native American code talkers, including House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH), Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Sen. Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Sen. Majority Leader Harry Reid, Tom Cole (R-OK), Ron Kind (D-WI), Sen. Tim Johnson (D-SD), Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-OK); and,

WHEREAS, the Congressional Gold Medal is the nation's highest civilian honor; and,

WHEREAS, the contributions of code talkers belong to several tribes, and have long been overlooked; and,

WHEREAS, Native Americans enlist at a higher rate than the general United States population; and

WHEREAS, this Council affirms that it is important to recognize the value of Native Americans' service in the defense of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, this honor reinforces the need to continue our efforts to preserve our unique tribal languages, which gave the United States the ultimate advantage of secure communication on the battlefield in both World Wars; and,

WHEREAS, this council, made up of Indian people, is proud of our contributions to multiple war efforts and our involvement with the Code Talkers

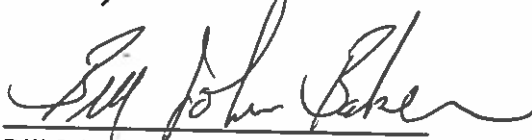
WHEREAS, this Council considers it fitting that the United States Congress honored Code Talkers during Native American Heritage Month and would like to echo sentiments of respect for the commitment to freedom, sense of duty, resolve, patriotism and courage of all Native American code talkers and members of the United States armed forces,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes commend Congress for honoring 33 tribes with Congressional Gold Medals.

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CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma on this 10th day of January, 2014, by a vote of 21 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.



Bill John Baker, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation



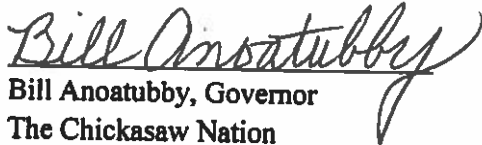
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