

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Commending Congressman Mark Wayne Mullin for his leadership and efforts regarding the Native American Veterans Memorial

Resolution No. 14-07



Bill John Baker
Principal Chief



Bill Anoatubby
Governor



Gregory Pyle
Principal Chief



George Tiger
Principal Chief



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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, Congressman Mark Wayne Mullin is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation; and,

WHEREAS, Congressman Mullin was elected to represent Oklahoma's Second District in the U.S. House of Representatives; and,

WHEREAS, Congressman Mullin has recognized that Native Americans serve in the military at a higher rate than any other racial group in the U.S.; and,

WHEREAS, Congressman Mullin introduced the Native American Veterans Memorial Amendments Act (H.R. 2319); and,

WHEREAS, This bill passed the House on December 11, 2013, and the Senate on December 20, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, This bill was signed into law by President Obama on December 26, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, This legislation would help Native veterans finally be recognized with a memorial by allowing the National Museum of the American Indian to construct the memorial on the museum grounds; and,

WHEREAS, Congressman Mullin has made a concerted effort to build bipartisan support for this Act, which provides for an avenue to honor Native veterans in an appropriate and meaningful way.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Inter Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes strongly commends Congressman Mullin for his leadership and commitment to recognize the contributions and sacrifices of Native veterans.

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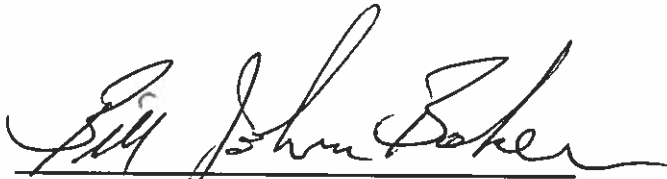
penalties related to the exclusion from gross income of Indian general welfare benefits; and,

WHEREAS, Indian Country has consistently called on the United States Congress, the Administration, and the IRS to exclude tribal governmental programs, services, and benefits from taxable income and enact legislations and implement policies to protect and promote tribal self-determination.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes endorses this legislation, commends Representative Nunes for his leadership on this bill, and urges Congress to pass or include it in an overarching tax reform bill and the President to sign it into law.

CERTIFICATION


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




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Cherokee Nation




George Tiger, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation



Gregory E. Pyle, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma



Leonard M. Harjo, Principal Chief
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The Chickasaw Nation