

RESOLUTION 2019-06-17

A Resolution Supporting Passage of H.R. 759

WHEREAS the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas is a federally recognized Indian Tribe located in Polk County, Texas, and is committed to supporting the economic development and creation of jobs within Polk and surrounding counties in Deep East Texas; and

WHEREAS the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas' Naskila electronic bingo facility has created over 650 new jobs in Deep East Texas and is the third largest employer in the region, and is responsible for adding approximately \$140 million annually in revenue to the area; and

WHEREAS The Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas is an excellent local and community partner providing collegiate scholarships for graduating high school students of the Tribe, and contributing \$500,000 in donations along with purchasing thirty manufactured home units following Hurricane Harvey; and

WHEREAS U.S. Congressman Brian Babin (R-Woodville) has filed H.R. 759 to clarify conflicting federal statutes regarding the right of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas to offer Class II electronic bingo on their tribal lands pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, a right enjoyed and exercised by the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas since 1996; and

WHEREAS the passage of H.R. 759 is vital to the continued economic development and the health of both the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas and Deep East Texas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPLENDORA, TEXAS, hereby joins the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas in support of its effort for passage of H.R. 759 to clarify that the Tribe can enjoy the opportunity for tribal economic development on terms that are equal and fair, and to protect jobs. **FURTHER**, the Mayor and City Council urgently requests that U.S. Senators John Cornyn and Ted Cruz of Texas, as well as the other 35 Texans elected to the United States House of Representatives, join Congressman Babin in securing the enactment of H.R. 759 into law.

Approved and signed this 17th day of June 2019.



Dorothy Welch, Mayor

ATTEST:



Danna Welter, City Secretary