



The Leader of Houston's New Majority®

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF H.R. 759 OF THE 116TH CONGRESS

To restore an opportunity for tribal economic development on terms that are equal and fair, and for other purposes.

Chairman
Hector Pineda

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 of Deep East Texas; and

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Arnold Gacita

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

President & CEO
Dr. Laura G. Murillo

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 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, Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce urgently requests that the United States 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.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND ENTERED ON THE 14TH DAY OF AUGUST 2019



President & CEO

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August 14, 2019

The Honorable John Cornyn
United States Senate
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RE: H.R. 759 and the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas

Dear Senator Cornyn,

On behalf of the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the leading advocate for Hispanic business and civic interests in the Greater Houston area, I am pleased to announce the chamber's support of H.R. 759, the Equal and Fair Opportunity Act of 2019, that will clarify the right of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas to offer gaming on its tribal land and protect hundreds of Texas jobs. This will allow for Naskila Gaming to continue to be an economic engine in the state of Texas.

An economic study commissioned by the Texas Forest Country Partnership in 2018 found that Naskila Gaming is responsible for over 560 jobs in Polk County and contributes over \$139 million annually to the local economy.

As Congressman Babin will tell you, H.R. 759 enjoys wide support in our region and is needed to help Deep East Texans to provide for their families and their future.

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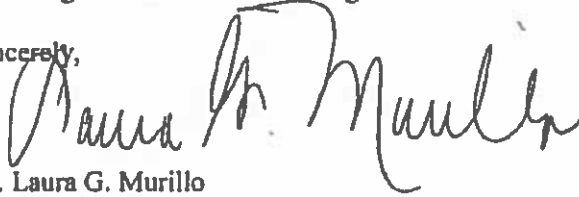
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Sincerely,



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cc: Hector Pineda, Chairman

