



RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ALABAMA-COUSHATTA TRIBE OF TEXAS IN OBTAINING FAIR AND EQUAL TREATMENT THROUGH ENABLING LEGISLATION THAT WILL ALLOW THE TRIBE TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN ECONOMIC FUTURE

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

WHEREAS, the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas has been a good neighbor to the citizens of Jasper County and East Texas over many decades, initially by providing care and shelter for citizens fleeing during the runaway scrape of the Texas war for independence and later providing heritage education and cultural enrichment to several generations of Southeast Texans; and

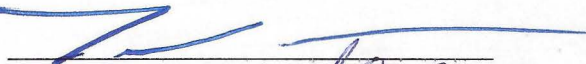
WHEREAS, the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas most recently provided a grant in the amount of \$25,000.00 to Jasper County through the Deep East Texas Council of Governments to provide much-needed assistance to local victims of Hurricane Harvey in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas is seeking recognition through Congressional legislation to enable them to receive the same rights and benefits, as well as fair and equal treatment that other Tribes across Texas and the rest of the United States enjoy today; and

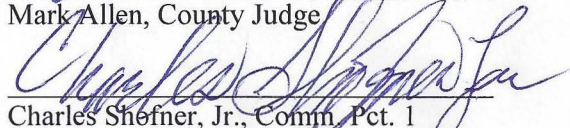
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF JASPER COUNTY, TEXAS that Jasper County hereby joins the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas in support of its efforts for passage of legislation to restore an opportunity for tribal economic development on terms that are equal and fair and to protect jobs and encourage growth across the Southeast Texas region.

PASSED, this, the 22nd day of April 2019 in a Special Session of the Commissioners Court of Jasper County, Texas.


ATTEST:



Mark Allen, County Judge



Charles Shefner, Jr., Comm. Pct. 1



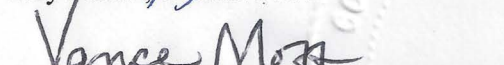
Willie Stark, Comm. Pct. 3



Debbie Newman, County Clerk



Roy Parker, Comm. Pct. 2



Vance Moss, Comm. Pct. 4

