

JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT



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County Judge

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Commissioner Pct. #3

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Commissioner Pct. #2

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Assistant to Commissioner's Court

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Commissioner Pct. #4

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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RESOLUTION

COUNTY OF JOHNSON

SUPPORT OF 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 the surrounding counties of Deep East Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas' Naskila electronic bingo facility, has created over 600 new jobs in Deep East Texas and is the second largest employer in the region, and is responsible for injecting over \$170 million annually in revenue to the region; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas provided over 50 fully paid collegiate scholarships for graduating high school students of the Tribe in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas being a good community partner, contributed \$500,000 in donations after Hurricane Harvey to several counties, and purchased 30 manufactured home units;

WHEREAS, United States 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

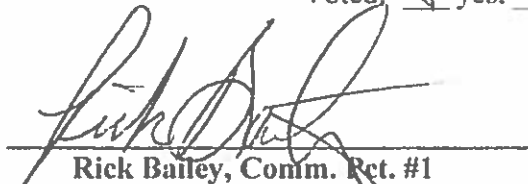
WHEREAS, the passage of H.R. 759 is vital to continued economic development and health of both the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas and all Deep East Texas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, 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 Johnson County Commissioners Court, urgently requests that 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.

WITNESS OUR HAND THIS, THE 26TH DAY OF MAY, 2020.


Roger Harmon, Johnson County Judge

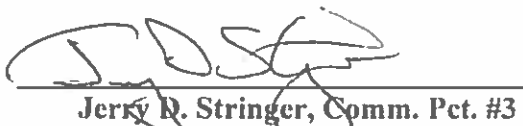
Voted: yes, ___ no, ___ abstained


Rick Bailey, Comm. Pct. #1

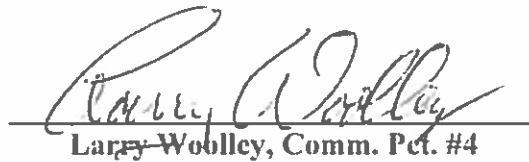
Voted: yes, ___ no, ___ abstained


Kenny Howell, Comm. Pct. #2

Voted: yes, ___ no, ___ abstained


Jerry D. Stringer, Comm. Pct. #3

Voted: yes, ___ no, ___ abstained


Larry Woolley, Comm. Pct. #4

Voted: ___ yes, ___ no, abstained

ATTEST: 
Becky Ivey, County Clerk



MAY 26 2020

Approved

REQUEST FOR AGENDA PLACEMENT FORM

Submission Deadline - Tuesday, 12:00 PM before Court Dates

SUBMITTED BY: Carla Hester

TODAY'S DATE: May 18, 2020

DEPARTMENT: County Judge

SIGNATURE OF DEPARTMENT HEAD:



REQUESTED AGENDA DATE: May 26, 2020

SPECIFIC AGENDA WORDING: Resolution in Support of Passage of H.R. 759

PERSON(S) TO PRESENT ITEM: County Judge Roger Harmon

SUPPORT MATERIAL: (Must enclose supporting documentation)

TIME: 5 min.

ACTION ITEM:

WORKSHOP

(Anticipated number of minutes needed to discuss item)

CONSENT:

EXECUTIVE:

STAFF NOTICE:

COUNTY ATTORNEY:

IT DEPARTMENT:

AUDITOR:

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

PERSONNEL:

PUBLIC WORKS:

BUDGET COORDINATOR:

OTHER:

*****This Section to be Completed by County Judge's Office*****

ASSIGNED AGENDA DATE: _____

REQUEST RECEIVED BY COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE: _____

COURT MEMBER APPROVAL _____ Date _____