



Texas Forest Country Partnership

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RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF THE ALABAMA-COUSHATTA TRIBE OF TEXAS

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

WHEREAS, the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas' Naskila electronic bingo facility, has created over 560 new jobs in Deep East Texas and is the third largest employer in the region; and it is responsible for injecting nearly \$ 140 million annually in revenue to the region; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas is a community partner and a good neighbor who provided emergency financial assistance of \$500,000 to help victims with the damage caused by Hurricane Harvey; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas provided over 46 fully paid collegiate scholarships for graduating high school students of the Tribe in 2018 and hopes to continue to do this to Tribal youth for the workforce; and

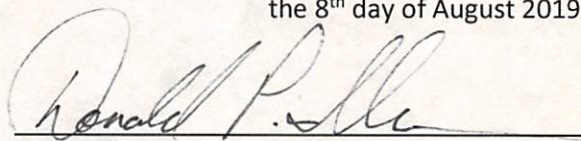
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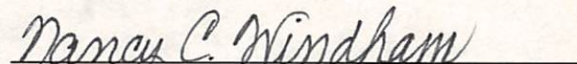
WHEREAS, federal statutes conflict regarding the right of Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas to offer Class II electronic bingo on their tribal lands pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, a right enjoyed and exercised by the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas since 1996; and

WHEREAS, Representative Brian Babin filed legislation HR 759 to clarify the conflicting federal statutes which passed the US House of Representatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Texas Forest Country Partnership hereby states its support for the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas in the effort to clarify that the Tribe can enjoy the opportunity for tribal economic development on terms that are equal and fair, and to protect jobs.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Texas Forest Country Partnership on the 8th day of August 2019.


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