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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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17 WHEREAS, the Northern Cherokee of Arkansas are decendents of the  
18 Northern Cherokee Nation of the old Louisiana Territory; and

19 WHEREAS, John Ross, who later became Chief of the old Cherokee Nation in  
20 the southeast, wrote President James Monroe on November 2, 1819, referring to  
21 the Cherokee West of the Mississippi as "the Cherokees on the St. Francis  
22 River" because they lived in what is now southeast Missouri and northeast  
23 Arkansas; and

24 WHEREAS, since ancient times, the Cherokee have referred to themselves  
25 as "Ani Yunwiya" which means "the principal people"; and

26 WHEREAS, the Northern Cherokee of Arkansas have represented this State  
27 in the United States armed services through several wars,

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29 NOW THEREFORE,

30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIRST GENERAL  
31 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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33 That Arkansas\_ Northern Cherokee descendants of the Northern Cherokee  
34 Nation of the old Louisiana Territory are hereby recognized for their  
35 contributions to and on behalf of this State and the United States of America.