Committee: Rules Committee

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RESOLUTION NO. 82-14

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF LYNN BURRIS AS A JUSTICE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SUPREME COURT

COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation since time immemorial has exercised the sovereign rights of self-government in behalf of the Cherokee people;

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation is a federally recognized Indian Nation with a historic and continual government to government relationship with the United States of America;

WHEREAS, Justices of the Supreme Court are authorized in Article VIII Section 1 of the Constitution of the Cherokee Nation;

WHEREAS, according to Article VIII Section 2 of the Constitution, the Justices shall be appointed by the Principal Chief and confirmed by the Council of the Cherokee Nation;

WHEREAS, the term of office for Justice of the Supreme Court expired, August, 2014;

WHEREAS, the Principal Chief has nominated Lynn Burris as a Justice of the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation to fulfill the duties of Justice as articulated in Article VIII of the Constitution;

WHEREAS, Lynn Burris is duly qualified to fill this position.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that Lynn Burris is hereby confirmed as a Justice of the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation to fulfill the duties of Justice as specified in Article VIII of the Constitution of the Cherokee Nation for a term beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2024.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 13 day of 2014, having 16 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 16 yeas; 0 nays; 0 abstaining.

Tina Glory Jordan, Speaker Council of the Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

Jodie Fishinghawk, Secretary Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 20 day of November, 2014.

Bill John Baker, Principal Chief

Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Secretary of State

Cherokee Nation

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TITLE: A RESOLUTION Confirming the Nomination of LYNN BURRIS as Justice of the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court

DEPARTMENT CONTACT:

Principal Chief Bill John Baker

RESOLUTION PRESENTER:

Principal Chief Bill John Baker

COUNCIL SPONSOR:

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NARRATIVE:

The Supreme Court was created and authorized by Article VIII, Section 1 of the Cherokee Nation Constitution;

The Principal Chief is authorized to select the justices subject to majority vote of the Council of the Cherokee Nation;

A term of Justice of the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation, currently held by Justice Darrell Dowty, expires on December 31, 2014; and

Lynn Burris is duly qualified to fill this vacancy.