

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-07**

**COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING JUNIE SUSAN BENGE WARD AS AN ELDER  
CHEROKEE OF GREAT DISTINCTION**

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

**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**, the Cherokee Nation has elders in their communities, that thru their life experiences keep honored traditions and history alive; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cherokee Nation is cognizant of the benefit these elders bestow upon the Cherokee Nation's present and future generations; and


**WHEREAS**, elders who reach the century age mark are to be honored and recognized as a symbol of the ever present strength of the Cherokee Nation.

**WHEREAS**, Junie Susan Bengé Ward born on February 10, 1907 to Louis and Ella Bengé in Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, is a Cherokee Citizen of great historical background. Her grandfather was the first U.S. Marshall in Indian Territory who donated the land for a Cherokee cemetery in Fort Gibson.

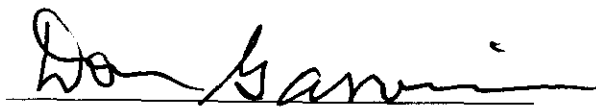
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Cherokee Nation through its Tribal Council that Junie Susan Bengé Ward, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation born on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1907 is to be recognized and honored as a Cherokee citizen of distinction with all rights and privileges thereof.

**CERTIFICATION**


The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2007, having 16 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 16 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.

  
Meredith A. Frailey, Speaker  
Council of the Cherokee Nation


**ATTEST:**

  
Don Garvin, Secretary  
Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 26th day of January, 2007.

  
Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation

**ATTEST:**

  
Melanie Knight, Secretary of State  
Cherokee Nation