

Committee: Rules

Date: 05-27-2010

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Sponsor: Speaker Meredith A. Frailey

RESOLUTION NO. 51-10

COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROSPECTIVE NOMINATION OF
CHEROKEE NATION CITIZEN KEITH HARPER TO THE UNITED STATES 10TH
CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS**

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, Robert H. Henry, chief judge of the Denver-based 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has resigned his post. A President Clinton appointee, Henry served the 10th Circuit for nearly 16 years and served 23 months as chief judge. Judge Henry's resignation is effective June 30th creating a vacancy for President Obama;

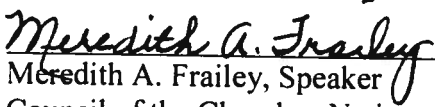
WHEREAS, President Obama's prospective nomination of Keith Harper, a Cherokee Nation citizen, to the United States 10th Circuit Court of Appeals would make him the first American Indian to serve as a federal appeals court judge and

WHEREAS, Keith Harper is true to Cherokee attributes; he has dedicated more than a decade leading a legal team standing up for tribal citizens against the unwelcome intrusion of the federal government, holding the government accountable when it has harmed Indians; fighting against long odds for what is right;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that it firmly supports the prospective nomination of Keith Harper to the United States 10th Circuit Court of Appeals.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 14th day of June, 2010, having 17 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 17 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.

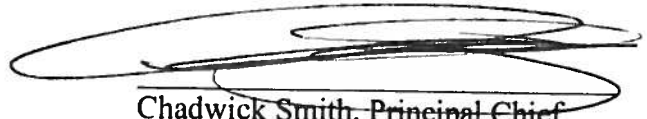

Meredith A. Frailey, Speaker
Council of the Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:



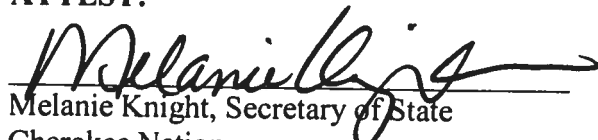
Don Garvin, Secretary
Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 14 day of June, 2010.



Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:



Melanie Knight, Secretary of State
Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Act/Resolution Proposal Form

Act Resolution

<u>ADMINISTRATIVE CLEARANCE</u>	
Dept/Program:	
Signature/Initial	Date
Group Leader:	
Signature/Initial	Date
Finance (if needed):	
Signature/Initial	Date
Government Resources:	
Signature/Initial	Date
Administration Approval:	
Signature/Initial	Date

TITLE:

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Paula Ragsdale

RESOLUTION PRESENTER: Meredith Frailey, Speaker

COUNCIL SPONSOR: Meredith Frailey, Speaker

NARRATIVE:

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President Obama's prospective nomination of Keith Harper, a Cherokee Nation citizen, to the United States 10th Circuit Court of Appeals would make him the first American Indian to serve as a federal appeals court judge and

Keith Harper is true to Cherokee attributes; he has dedicated more than a decade leading a legal team standing up for tribal citizens against the unwelcome intrusion of the federal government, holding the government accountable when it has harmed Indians; fighting against long odds for what is right;

The Cherokee Nation firmly supports the prospective nomination of Keith Harper to the United States 10th Circuit Court of Appeals.

<u>LEGISLATIVE CLEARANCE:</u>	
Legal & Legislative Coordinator:	
<i>Brittain</i> Signature/Initial	5/27/10 Date
Standing Committee & Date:	
<i>Hyles</i> 5/27/10	
Chairperson:	
<i>Frailey</i> Signature/Initial	Date
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