

**RESOLUTION NO. 126-09**

**COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING GEORGE ANDERSON BENGE  
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

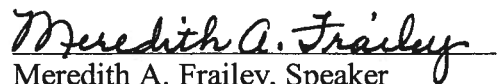
**WHEREAS**, elders who reach the century age mark are to be honored and recognized as a symbol of the ever-present strength of the Cherokee Nation.

**WHEREAS**, George Anderson Benge, born on November 17, 1909, in Braggs, Oklahoma, is a Cherokee Citizen who has reached the centennial mark and has deep and full connections with Rogers County, which has benefited the Cherokee Nation and its people.

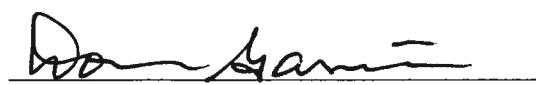
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Cherokee Nation through its Tribal Council that George Anderson Benge, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation born on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1909, is to be recognized and honored as a Cherokee citizen of distinction with all rights and privileges thereof.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009, 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 21st day of October, 2009.



Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation

**ATTEST:**

  
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Melanie Knight, Secretary of State  
Cherokee Nation