



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Legislation Text

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**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.