



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal  
Council  
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## Legislation Text

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**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NAMING OF A BUILDING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AFTER PROMINENT CITIZEN OF THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS HENRY OWL**

**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**, the Cherokee Nation and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians enjoy a historic and mutually supportive relationship;

**WHEREAS**, Henry Owl, a citizen of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, was admitted as a graduate student in 1928 to the University of North Carolina and was the first person of color admitted to the University of North Carolina;

**WHEREAS**, Henry Owl was instrumental in prompting Congress to pass legislation extending the rights of United States citizenship to members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians;

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION**, that the Council hereby supports the effort to name a building at the University of North Carolina after a prominent citizen of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Henry Owl.