



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR FOR HO-CHUNK CODE TALKERS AND THE HO-CHUNK NATION

RESOLUTION 09-17-13H

- WHEREAS,** on November 1, 1994, the United States Secretary of the Interior approved a new Constitution for the Ho-Chunk Nation, formerly known as the Wisconsin Winnebago Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Nation") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(d) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to authorize expenditures by law and appropriate funds to the various Departments in an annual budget; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(e) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to raise revenue, including the power to levy and collect taxes and license fees; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(i) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to negotiate and enter into treaties, compacts, contracts, and agreements with other governments, organizations, or individuals; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(r) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to protect and foster Ho-Chunk religious freedom, culture, language, and traditions; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(s) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to promote public health, education, charity, and such other services as may contribute to the social advancement of the members of the Ho-Chunk Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Code Talkers Recognition Act of 2008 honors the service of Native American Code Talkers and requires the issuance of a Congressional Medals of Honor to recognize the dedication and valor of Native American Code Talkers; and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Department of Defense recognizes seven (7) Ho-Chunk World War II Veterans as Code Talkers who served in the United States Armed Forces as radio operators during World War II; and
- WHEREAS,** these seven (7) Ho-Chunk World War II Code Talkers will receive Congressional Silver Medals of Honor on November 20, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. in the Emancipation Hall of the United States Capital; and

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WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation will also receive a Congressional Gold Medal of Honor on November 20, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature wishes to honor the distinguished service of these Ho-Chunk World War II Veterans;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ho-Chunk Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, hereby recognizes the heroic and dramatic contribution that the following Veterans made through their service in the United States Armed Forces during World War II as Code Talkers:

Clifford Blackdeer
Howard Littlejohn
Bill Mike
Jesse Mike
Emanuel Thundercloud
Bill Whitebear
Benjamin Winneshiek

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ho-Chunk Legislature hereby agrees to fund the travel to Washington D.C. to the Congressional Medal of Honor Ceremonies for one (1) next of each of the seven (7) Ho-Chunk Code Talkers; one caretaker and four (4) representatives of the Ho-Chunk Nation not to exceed \$13,000.00.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary for the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of 13 members, of whom 8 constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the 17th day of September, 2013, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 8 members, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, pursuant to the authority of Article V, Section 2(a) through (x) of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 1, 1994, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. I further certify that this is a verified copy of said resolution.

Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit
Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Tribal Secretary

9.17.13
Date