

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

RESOLUTION NO. B-89-229

A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE ENACTMENT OF S. 611

WHEREAS, a bill, S. 611, has been introduced which would change BIA's current administratively-mandated Federal Acknowledgement process to a legislatively-mandated process having two "tracks" for groups attempting to obtain federal recognition to pursue, and

WHEREAS, S. 611 as currently written would impose time limits on federal government actions but no time limits on either petitioning groups or on the process as a whole, and

WHEREAS, another bill, S. 912, has been introduced by Senator McCain, which would mandate a single process for federal recognition and establish an end point deadline for all petitioning groups to file and for the federal government to act on petitions, and

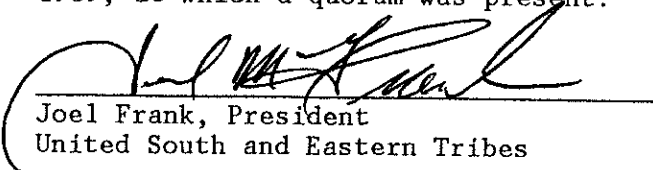
WHEREAS, the federal recognition process involves a perpetual commitment on the part of the federal government which must be approached seriously and with a view toward the future, now

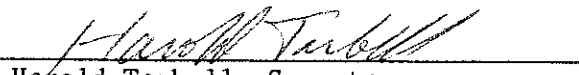
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of United South and Eastern Tribes does hereby endorse the general approach of S. 912 over the general approach of S. 611, and does hereby urge the members of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs to work cooperatively to legislatively establish a federal recognition process with a single "track" and a clear ending date, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors does hereby continue to express its support for the current Federal Acknowledgement Process which we have endorse in the past, and would be strongly opposed to the recognition of tribes through legislative means, unless as a part of a land claims bill.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at a United South and Eastern Tribes Board of Directors meeting held at Bar Harbor, Maine, June 4 through 9, 1989, at which a quorum was present.


Joel Frank, President
United South and Eastern Tribes


Harold Tarbell, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes