

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. B-89-258

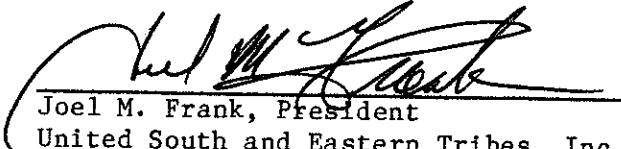
REQUEST THAT TESTIMONY BE PROVIDED STATING THAT FUNDING FOR BIA SCHOOLS IS NOT ADEQUATE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF INDIAN STUDENTS


- WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of 18 federally-recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS, BIA ISEP funding per student decreased in Fiscal Year 1989, while most Public schools have had substantial increases in expenditures; and
- WHEREAS, current funding does not allow for any improvements or innovations in programs, but forces schools to provide a minimal level of programs and services; and
- WHEREAS, the study, Nation at Risk, has resulted in numerous reforms and improvements to public education, but BIA schools have not been given the financial resources to address the reforms required to improve academic performance of Indian Children; and
- WHEREAS, lack of adequate funding is seriously impairing the academic performance of Indian children, and the administration has made no serious attempt to provide funding for significant reforms in BIA schools,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the USET Board provide testimony that funding for BIA schools is not adequate to meet the needs of Indian students, and that the level of performance of Indian children would be significantly improved if we were funded to implement the same type of reforms public schools have initiated.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Houston, Texas; November 15, 1989.


Joel M. Frank, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.


Harold Tarbell, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.