UNIVERSITY AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. B-89-254

REQUEST REGARDING COMPOSITION OF THE INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE TO PLAN AND CONDUCT A WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON INDIAN EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of 18 federally-recognized tribes; and

WHEREAS, the 100th Congress passed Public Law 100-297 authorizing the President to call and conduct a White House Conference on Indian Education at an unconfirmed date between September 12, 1989 and September 30, 1991; and

WHEREAS, the wording of the law provides for an Inter-Agency Task Force to plan and conduct the conference; and

WHEREAS, this task force is to consist of members selected by the Secretaries of Education and Interior from within the Departments of Education and Interior; and

WHEREAS, these appointees are to have experience in dealing with Indian Tribes, Congress and non-government agencies; and

WHEREAS, the USET Education Committee feels that long-term employees of these Departments who may be considered under these definitions may have contributed to the lingering problems in Indian Education and may therefore hinder efforts to improve these problems,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the USET Board recommend to the Secretaries of Education and Interior that the appointees be carefully selected to reflect a number of employees who have not been in the Departments for over ten years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the USET Board encourage efforts to solicit Indian input in the planning of the Conference.

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
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