



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2001:060

H.R. 992—LEGISLATION REGARDING RECOGNITION AND TRUST LAND APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of twenty-four (24) federally recognized tribes; and

WHEREAS, the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member tribes' leadership; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 992, has been introduced that would require the federal government to provide grant monies to any local government situated near a non-federally recognized group that has filed for federal recognition or a federally-recognized tribe that has submitted a trust land application; and

WHEREAS, such grant monies are intended to enhance the ability of local governments to contest such recognition and trust land applications; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 992 makes no provision for similar grant monies to be provided to groups seeking federal recognition or those tribes attempting to place lands into trust; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors opposes H.R. 992 because it is inequitable and threatens to impair the approval process of trust land and federal recognition applications; and be it further

RESOLVED that USET Board of Directors will collaborate with other organizations engaged in efforts to defeat H.R. 992.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Marksville, LA, on Thursday, May 24, 2001.

Keller George, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Beverly Wright, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

“Because there is strength in Unity”