The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution in Support of the Carlisle Project for the restoration of the property known as the Old Farmhouse to house the Carlisle School of Industry Heritage Center

Resolution No. 14-32

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes (ITC) is an organization that unites the tribal governments of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek), and Seminole Nations, representing over 500,000 Indian people throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS, Supporters of the Carlisle Project are developing a proposal to be submitted to the Pentagon for restoration of the property known as the Old Farmhouse to house the Carlisle School of Industry Heritage Center; and

WHEREAS, the Heritage Center will provide an opportunity for descendants and tribal members to honor and connect with the memory of Carlisle students while preserving an important piece of our Native history for future generations; and

WHEREAS, while the negative aspects of Carlisle Indian Industrial School have been well documented, it had a profound effect on the development of our tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, many Carlisle students chose to return to their respective reservations and use the knowledge and experience acquired at Carlisle to serve their people. Their service and memory must be preserved; and

WHEREAS, the Old Farmhouse housed the Carlisle agricultural training program and served as a popular recreation spot for students. It was scheduled for demolition in 2012 to make room for additional student and family housing for The United States War College.

WHEREAS, an appeal by Carlisle descendants and farmhouse preservation supporters led the U.S. Army to revise their plans. In September 2013, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recommended the inclusion of the farmhouse within the existing Carlisle Indian Industrial School National Historic Landmark district.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Inter-Tribal Council supports the Carlisle Project for the restoration of the property known as the Old Farmhouse to house the Carlisle School of Industry Heritage Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes recommends their respective tribe provide funding for the Carlisle Project.
CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Durant, Oklahoma on this 10th day of October, 2014, by a vote of 5 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.

Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation

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