

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 17

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Coffee, Corn, Crutchfield,
Dunlap, Easley, Fair, Fisher,
Ford, Harrison, Helton, Hobson,
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Laughlin, Lawler, Leftwich,
Littlefield, Maddox, Milacek,
Monson, Morgan, Myers, Nichols,
Price, Pruitt, Reynolds, Riley,
Robinson, Rozell, Shurden,
Smith, Snyder, Taylor,
Wilcoxson, Wilkerson, Williams
and Williamson

A Resolution commending the workers at the McAlester Ammunition Depot and the Choctaw Manufacturing and Development Corporation (CMDC); recognizing the importance of their work; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, each day almost 1,200 Oklahomans go to work at what is popularly known as the McAlester Ammunition Depot. The 45,000-acre compound is the size of Washington, D.C., and the work they accomplish is almost as important. Since October 1943, the McAlester Ammunition Depot has led our country in the production of ammunitions. During World War II, the depot employed some 8,000 people and produced 325,000 tons of ammunition. During the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, the depot employed more than 3,000. Today this state-of-the-art maintenance and renovation facility for the weaponry of the United States Armed Forces continues to build vital ammunition to defend and protect our country; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Manufacturing and Development Corporation (CMDC) is a wholly owned corporation of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. CMDC operates two certified manufacturing facilities located in Hugo and McAlester, Oklahoma. Both plants, with a combined manufacturing space of more than 250,000 square feet, are located within the historic boundaries of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. CMDC is incorporated as a Tribally Owned U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) 8(a) corporation, is certified by the SBA as a Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB), and is HUBZone certified by SBA. CMDC specializes in the manufacture of military ground support equipment, missile and guided bomb components, and shipping and storage containers for use by the U.S. military. CMDC's manufacturing capabilities include the production of sophisticated military products certified to military specifications required by technical data packages. Last year CMDC was awarded

Regional Minority Supplier of the Year by the United States Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, most of the workers at both the ammunition depot and CMDC are civilians who have a very deep understanding about the importance of their job. They know what they do supports the people who are protecting our nation. Thanks to dedicated people like these, we can live in peace and freedom.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends the workers at the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant (MCAAP) Defense Ammunition Center in McAlester, Oklahoma, and the Choctaw Manufacturing and Development Corporation (CMDC) with plants in McAlester and Hugo, Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes the vital importance of the work accomplished at the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant (MCAAP) Defense Ammunition Center in McAlester, Oklahoma, and the CMDC plants in McAlester and Hugo, Oklahoma, for their efforts to provide the material and ammunition used by the U.S. Armed Forces.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant (MCAAP) Defense Ammunition Center in McAlester, Oklahoma, the Choctaw Manufacturing and Development Corporation, and members of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by the Senate the 8th day of April, 2003.

Presiding Officer of the Senate