

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
2 RESOLUTION NO. 74

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5 Adelson, Riley, Sweeden,
Wilson and Wyrick of the
6 Senate

7 and

8 Denney of the House
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11 A Concurrent Resolution acknowledging official
depredations and ill-conceived policies regarding
12 Indian tribes and supporting the passage of House
Joint Resolution No. 68 in the United States
13 Congress; and directing distribution.
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15 WHEREAS, United States policies towards Native Americans and
16 Native Peoples' governments included policies of massacres, economic
17 deprivation, the forcible dissolution of Native American families
18 and the disintegration of tribal governance systems; and

19 WHEREAS, the impact of these U.S. policies is the source of the
20 many undue social and economic burdens that tribes face today and
21 the United States' failure to uphold its treaties and moral
22 obligations to tribes undermines tribal governance; and

23 WHEREAS, U.S. policies have contributed to a lack of awareness
24 among Americans about the distinct role of Native Americans and

1 their tribal governments in this country both historically and
2 today; and

3 WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed an apology resolution
4 enumerating the various wrongdoings of the U.S. government in
5 relation to the Native Hawaiians and Kingdom of Hawaii in 1993, and
6 the Canadian government likewise apologized to its First Peoples in
7 1998; and

8 WHEREAS, U.S. Congressmen Dan Boren and Tom Cole have initiated
9 a nonpartisan effort to pass joint congressional resolution H.J.
10 Res. No. 68, the purpose of which is to "acknowledge a long history
11 of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United
12 States Government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to
13 all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States".

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
15 OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
16 CONCURRING THEREIN:

17 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature acknowledges a long history
18 of official depredations and ill-conceived policies regarding Indian
19 tribes and supports the passage by the United States Congress of
20 H.J. Res. No. 68.

21 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature offers an apology to Native
22 Peoples on behalf of the State of Oklahoma.

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1 THAT nothing in this resolution authorizes or supports any claim
2 against the State of Oklahoma or serves as a settlement of any claim
3 against the State of Oklahoma.

4 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma
5 Congressional Delegation and to President George Tiger of United
6 Indian Nations of Oklahoma for distribution to the 39 Indian Nations
7 in the State of Oklahoma.

8 Adopted by the Senate the 8th day of May, 2008.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2008.

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