

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 82

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A RESOLUTION to designate September 2009 as "American Indian Heritage Month" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Native Americans are the descendants of the aboriginal, indigenous, native people who were the original inhabitants of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans have volunteered to serve in the United States Armed Forces and have served with valor in all of the Nation's military actions from the Revolutionary War through the present day, and in most of those actions, more American Indians per capita served in the Armed Forces than any other group of Americans; and

WHEREAS, American Indians have made distinct and significant contributions to Tennessee, the United States, and the rest of the world in many fields, including agriculture, medicine, music, language, and art, and Native Americans have distinguished themselves as inventors, entrepreneurs, spiritual leaders, and scholars; and

WHEREAS, statewide recognition of the contributions that Native Americans have made to the fabric of American society will afford an opportunity for all Tennesseans to demonstrate their respect and admiration of Native Americans for their important contributions to the political, cultural, and economic life of Tennessee and of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that American Indians should be honored and recognized for strengthening the diversity of our society; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby designate the month of September 2009 as "American Indian Heritage Month" in Tennessee and encourage all Tennesseans to observe American Indian

Heritage Month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities, including activities relating to the cultures, traditions, and languages of Native Americans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.