

A JOINT RESOLUTION commending the Southeastern Kentucky Shawnee for their efforts on behalf of preserving their Native American heritage, which does not include gambling and casinos.

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Kentucky Shawnee are a very special people, making their home in Appalachia for centuries; and

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Kentucky Shawnee are from many nations, migrating to Southeastern Kentucky as they fled persecution; and

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Kentucky Shawnee are a proud people, and they are dedicated to preserving the legacy of their ancient ones, and they will inform all who live in their region as to their proud history and traditions; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Southeastern Kentucky Shawnee to help both their elderly and their young people with regard to health care and education; and

WHEREAS, it is also important to the Southeastern Kentucky Shawnee that their native Shawnee language be preserved, to be carried on by today's children to future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE,

***Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

➔Section 1. The Kentucky General Assembly recognizes and commends the Southeastern Kentucky Shawnee for their important place in Kentucky history and their ongoing efforts to help their elderly and their youth, as well as efforts to preserve their native Shawnee language.

➔Section 2. The Kentucky General Assembly shows gratitude to the Southeastern Kentucky Shawnee for their hard work and dedication toward celebrating the region's history and Native American heritage, which does not include gambling and casinos.