



Resolution of the Commissioners Court
Of Polk County, Texas

**Supporting and Urging Scheduling of a Hearing on
H.R.4985 of the 115th Congress, 2^d Session**

**To restore an opportunity for tribal economic development
on terms that are equal and fair, and for other purposes.**

WHEREAS, the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas is a federally recognized Indian Tribe located in Polk County, Texas and committed to supporting the economic development and creation of job opportunities within Polk and surrounding counties of Southeast Texas; and

WHEREAS, with the opening of Naskila Gaming, the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe has provided positive economic growth and now represents the third largest employer in Polk County; and

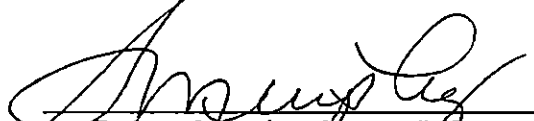
WHEREAS, the state's threatened closure of Naskila Gaming would negatively impact Polk County's economy and result in a significant loss of jobs; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Brian Babin has filed H.R.4985 to clarify conflicting state and federal laws regarding the right of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas to offer Class II gaming on their tribal land; and

WHEREAS, H.R.4985 has been assigned to a House Committee and Polk County, along with the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas urges that this vital legislation be scheduled for hearing as soon as possible in order to move forward to the Senate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF POLK COUNTY, TEXAS that Polk County hereby joins the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas in support of its effort for passage of legislation to restore an opportunity for tribal economic development on terms that are equal and fair and to protect jobs. FURTHER, Polk County urgently requests that H.R.4985 be scheduled for hearing as soon as possible.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND ENTERED ON THE 24th DAY OF APRIL, 2018


Sydney Murphy, County Judge

ATTEST;


Schelana Hock, County Clerk

(SEAL)

