



## MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

### *Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

RESOLUTION 03-02-87-89

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE RECOGNITION OF THE LUMBEE  
TRIBE IN S. 901

- WHEREAS, the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian tribe that possesses the sovereign right and fully authorized to act on behalf of its members, and;
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians is a signatory to several treaties, and;
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band has been a federally recognized tribe for one hundred and fifty years, and;
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band seeks to protect its resources and ensure that the trust obligations of the United States for the Mille Lacs people which were promised in treaties and other acts of congress will not be abrogated or diminished, and;
- WHEREAS, S. 901 is a bill which would provide federal recognition for the Lumbee Tribe of Cheraw Indians of North Carolina, and;
- WHEREAS, the bill would recognize a group that the United States has determined not to be a federally recognized tribe (HR Report 93-1394), and;
- WHEREAS, the United States has asserted that the Lumbees do not have lands that are a reservation, tribal rolls are not a cohesive political group, nor have they maintained any historical relationship with the federal government, and;
- WHEREAS, this bill would provide instant federal recognition to nearly 40,000 persons living in North Carolina, Maryland and Michigan and would create the third largest tribe in America, and;
- WHEREAS, the United States does not meet its current trust obligations to recognized tribes, and;
- WHEREAS, federal recognition of this group would recklessly expand the tribal recognition process, over-extend the Bureau of Indian Affairs, interfere with trust responsibilities to other tribes and limit funding to other tribes, and;

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WHEREAS, the group known as the Lumbees do not have a recognized tribal government.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians opposes the federal recognition of the group known as the Lumbee Tribe of Cheraw Indians.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Administrative Policy Board hereunto cause to have set the signature of the Chief Executive to be affixed to this resolution and forwarded to the Band Assembly for concurrence.



Arthur Gahbow, Chief Executive

WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at a regular session of the Band Assembly in Legislative Council Assembled, a quorum of legislators being present held on the 28th day of September, 1989 at Vineland, Minnesota by a vote of 2 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

In concurrence with the action of the Chief Executive, we, the Band Assembly hereunto cause to have set the hand of the Speaker of Assembly to this resolution.



Marge Anderson, Speaker of Assembly

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