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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The People of the Mountains and their descendants
3 can legitimately claim their Cherokee ancestry and heritage in
4 all capacities, both public and private; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
7 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we support the People of the Mountains
8 in their efforts to become a federally-recognized Cherokee
9 Tribe; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That we support the efforts of the People of the
11 Mountains to be allowed free access once each year to the Trail
12 of Tears State Forest, including camp sites, to honor their
13 ancestors who died there; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That we support the efforts of the People of the
15 Mountains to be allowed free access once each year during the
16 third weekend in May to Pere Marquette State Park, including
17 camp sites, in order to have the opportunity to view the sacred
18 bald eagle in Illinois; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That we support the efforts of the People of the
20 Mountains to be permitted to possess sacred items, such as
21 eagle feathers, hawk feathers, and turtle rattles, so long as

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1 they are acquired without harming the animals that are the
2 sources of those items.