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SJR___ UPHOLDING THE LANGUAGE OF THE FEDERAL INDIAN ARTS AND CRAFTS ACT IN REGARD TO STATE RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES.

WHEREAS, on May 8, 1984, by act of the Alabama Legislature and signed into law by the Governor, Alabama is the home of eight State recognized tribal governments: the Machis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama, the Echota Cherokee Tribe of Alabama, the Cherokee Tribe of Northeast Alabama, the Cherokee Tribe of Southeast Alabama, the MOWA Band of Choctaw Indians, the Southeastern MVSKOKE Nation, the Piqua Shawnee, and the United Cherokee ANI-YUN-WIYA Nation; and

WHEREAS, under the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-644), "Indian" is defined as a member of a federally or officially State recognized tribe or a certified Indian Artisan; and

WHEREAS, the United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs is taking comments regarding the Indian Arts and Crafts Act for amendment, and comments have been made to request the committee to remove State recognized Indians from the Act; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the State of Alabama is in full and complete support of Alabama's first citizens, and we uphold the State recognition of each of the tribes listed



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29 above.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we support the
31 continuation of State recognized tribes under the Indian
32 Arts and Crafts Act; we also support the addition of the
33 Native Hawaiians to the act.