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Commission*

December 20, 1946

Mr. David Dushane, Chief  
Mr. T. A. Captain, Secretary-Treasurer  
Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Ottawa County  
Miami, Oklahoma

Dear Friends:

The resolution, apparently passed unanimously by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Ottawa County, Oklahoma, on November 15, 1946 has been received at Congressman Schwabe's Washington office.

Congressman Schwabe is in Oklahoma, but expects to return to Washington before the 80th Congress convenes early in January. You may rely upon me to present your resolution to him upon his return.

As you are probably aware, Congressman Schwabe made a considerable contribution to the laws enacted by the 79th Congress for the benefit of the Indians, and you may be assured of his continued interest and effort on their behalf.

With all good wishes for you and your Tribal Membership for Christmas and the New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. L. Warren, Secretary



WHEREAS, on August 13, 1946, the President of the UNITED STATES Signed H. R. 4497, a bill creating an Indian Claims Commission, now known as Public law 726, said Commission to hear and determine Claims against the UNITED STATES on behalf of any Indian Tribe, Band or Other Identifiable group of American Indians residing within the UNITED STATES OF ALASKA, and

WHEREAS, the COMMISSION shall consist of a CHIEF COMMISSIONER and Two Associate Commissioners, who shall be appointed by the PRESIDENT, by and with the advice and consent of the SENATE, two of whom shall be members of the Bar of the SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES in good standing, and

WHEREAS, it was largely through the leadership of our Indian CONGRESSMAN William G. Stigler of the Second Congressional District of Oklahoma, aided by Congressmen from the Western States within whose borders reside Indians, and the National Congress of American Indians, with other organizations assisting, that this bill was passed, A N D

WHEREAS, OKLAHOMA being the most representative of the Western Indian States, having within its borders more Indians than all the other states combined and more separate tribes, and having contributed more to leadership in the cause of Indians, we feel that we are entitled to representation from Oklahoma on this COMMISSION, A N D

WHEREAS, we have Citizens of the State of Oklahoma who meet the high standard of qualifications set out in Public law 726, and one in particular who is otherwise most highly qualified by training and experience and who will if so honored by appointment tend to place this commission on high level of the United States Supreme Court and the General Court of Claims, NOW

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Ottawa County, Oklahoma, having been duly called and assembled on this 15th day of November 1946, recommend to the PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE, JUDGE N. B. Johnson of the District Court in Claremore, Oklahoma, and fervently urge his appointment as one of the Commissioners of the Indian Claims Commission under Public law 726, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, to the UNITED STATES SENATE and to others who should receive a copy.

AFTER DISCUSSION a vote was called for:

The VOTE: FOR THE RESOLUTION 23  
AGAINST THE RESOLUTION 0

Signed:

David D. Shawnee  
Chief

Signed:

T. A. Captain  
Secretary-Treasurer