

CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE  
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (2022)

WHEREAS, the survival, maintenance, and growth of Cherokee Language is important to the cultural identity of Cherokee People, and,

WHEREAS, there are 168 known fluent speakers within the 16,000 and counting enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and,

WHEREAS, Lee and Caroline Teesateskie were known fluent speakers in the Snowbird Community, and,

WHEREAS, Lee and Caroline Teesateskie adopted and raised Gary Teesateskie in their family in Cherokee Tradition, and,

WHEREAS, Gary Teesateskie loves his family and smaintains a strong connection with the Snowbird Community, it is his home, and,

WHEREAS, Gary Teesateskie maintains the knowledge of our traditions that resides in our language, and,

WHEREAS, Gary Teesateskie is by all means a fluent speaker of Cherokee Language, and,

WHEREAS, Gary Teesateskie has proven to be a responsible and kind citizen of the finest caliber, and,

WHEREAS, Gary Teesateskie is an honorable and respectful participant in cultural engagement with all respected communities of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Annual Council assembled at which a quorum is present that Tribal Council hereby recognizes Gary Teesateskie as an honorary member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians on this day in October 2022.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective upon ratification of the Principal Chief

Submitted by: The Cherokee Speakers Council