



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Cherokee Agency
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719

IN REPLY REFER TO.

Michell Hicks, Principal Chief
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
P.O. Box 455
88 Council House Loop Cherokee, NC 28719

Dear Chief Hicks:

Attached is signed Tribal Council Resolution/Ordinance No. 419 introduced on January 3, 2013 and **Passed** on January 3, 2013. Should you have any questions regarding this matter please contact me at (828) 497-3360.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Darlene White".

Superintendent

AMENDED PASSED

Cherokee Council House
Cherokee, Qualla Boundary (NC)

Date: JAN 03 2013

RESOLUTION NO. 419 (2013)

WHEREAS, In April, 2012 Michael and Mario Mazzariello, residents of New York State without any ties to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, happened upon a set of military medals in a pawn shop far from the Qualla Boundary. The medals included a Bronze Star, a Purple Heart and a Good Conduct Medal, awarded to Charles George in 1954; and

WHEREAS, the Mazzariello brothers did not know who Charles George was but recognized the importance of returning the medals to their rightful owner. Therefore, the young brothers began a long search trying to locate Mr. George; and

WHEREAS, Charles George was a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and its only member to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor. Mr. George was killed in 1952 during the Korean War, while serving as a soldier in the U.S. Army. He died while protecting members of his own unit from a grenade. He saved the lives of two of his fellow soldiers while giving his own; and

WHEREAS, After much perseverance Michael and Mario Mazzariello confirmed E.B.C.I. member Charles George as the individual who had been awarded the medals they found. Michael and Mario returned the medals to Charles George's family in a ceremony on the Qualla Boundary on November 12, 2012; and

WHEREAS, If it were not for the persistent efforts of these two young men, the family and Tribe of Charles George would not have these items of historical and personal significance originally awarded to an honored member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians assembled, at which a quorum is present, the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians hereby bestows the title "Honorary Member" to Michael and Mario Mazzariello for their friendship, dedication and extraordinary service to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution shall be effective upon ratification by the Principal Chief.

Submitted by Painttown representative Tommye Saunooke, on behalf of Tribal Council.

AMENDMENT:

Add “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that designation of Honorary Member is not to be construed to extend any rights or benefits of enrolled members to persons receiving Honorary Member.”

The attached Resolution/Ordinance No. 419 dated January 3, 2013 was:

PASSED (X)

KILLED ()

and ratified in open Council on January 3, 2013 by 81 voting for the act and 7 members voting against it as follows:

VOTE	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	TABLE
Bo Taylor		X			
Perry Shell	X				
Gene Crowe	X				
Mike Parker				X	
David Wolfe	X				
Bill Taylor	X				
Jim Owle	X				
Diamond Brown	X				
Adam Wachacha	X				
Alan Ensley	X				
Terri Henry	X				
Tommye Saunooke	X				
Total:	81	7	0	12	0



TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN



CLERK



PRINCIPAL CHIEF

APPROVED () VETOED ()

VETO UPHELD () VETO DENIED ()

DATE: 1-18-13

I hereby certify that the foregoing act of the Council was duly:

PASSED (X)

KILLED ()

and ratified by Council Chairperson, Clerk, and Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

In testimony, whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Band of Indians. Superintendent, Cherokee Indian Agency.

INTERPRETED ()



OMITTED ()