

House Concurrent Resolution No. 50

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE FRANZ.

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AN ACT

Relating to the recognition of the Saponi Indian people of Missouri.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

1 **Whereas**, the Saponi Indian people are descendents of the Saponi Nation of the
2 Virginia/North Carolina Piedmont; and
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4 **Whereas**, the Saponi settled in Missouri rather than in Indian Territory; and
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6 **Whereas**, the Saponi citizens of Missouri have represented our state in the Armed
7 Services through several wars; and
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9 **Whereas**, the Saponi Indian people are very much a part of the state's history and
10 its future; and
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12 **Whereas**, the Saponi Indian people have continued a form of tribal government
13 for the past 170 years; and
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15 **Whereas**, recognition by the State of Missouri confers certain natural rights upon
16 the Saponi Indian people:
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18 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
19 Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
20 concurring therein, hereby recognize the Saponi Nation of Missouri, Mahenips Band; and
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22 **Be it further resolved** that this recognition is in no way intended to
23 circumvent the federal recognition process or to allow for the establishment of casinos or gaming
24 of any kind; and
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26 **Be it further resolved** that this resolution be sent to the Governor for his
27 approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.
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