

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Supporting Enactment of Melcher Amendment
No. 2124 to S.187)

RES. NO. 222-A-88

1 WHEREAS, Senator Melcher has proposed Amendment No. 2124 to
2 Senate Bill 187 in order to provide for the protection
3 and repatriation of Native American human skeletal
4 remains, grave goods and sacred artifacts and for the
5 establishment of the Native American Museum Claims
6 Commission to facilitate such repatriation; and

7 WHEREAS, Native Americans were advised by a Memorandum of the
8 Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks
9 dated April 22, 1988, that the Department of the
10 Interior asserts a claim that all archaeological
11 collections, including human skeletal remains, grave
12 goods and sacred artifacts recovered pursuant to the
13 Antiquities Act of 1906 from sites located on Indian
14 lands, are the property of the Department and that they
15 cannot be relinquished or repatriated for any purpose
16 other than continued preservation in departmentally
17 approved museums; and

18 WHEREAS, this Council concurs in Senator Melcher's findings that
19 "all Americans should be outraged that museums have been
20 systematically collecting the bones of their ancestors
21 and certain ceremonial artifacts as scientific curios,"
22 and that "Congress must take action to demonstrate basic
23 human respect to Native Americans who want to retrieve
24 the remains and grave goods of their ancestors from
25 museum collections for a respectful burial,"
26 Congressional Record, S667, May 25, 1988.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'Odham
28 Legislative Council does hereby support enactment by
29 Congress of the Melcher Amendment No. 2124 to Senate
30 Bill 187, and does urgently request the Congress, and
31 particularly Senators DeConcini and McCain and
32 Congressmen Udall, to do everything within their power
to support enactment thereof into law.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman and other appropriate
2 officers and agents of the Tohono O'odham Nation are
3 hereby authorized and directed to do everything
4 necessary and convenient to the purposes of this
5 resolution.

6 The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Council
7 on the 6th day of September, 1988 at a meeting at which a
8 quorum was present with a vote of 1,539.5 for; -0- against;
9 100.5 not voting; and 02 absent, pursuant to the powers vested
10 in the Council by Section 1 (j) of Article VI of the
11 Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono
O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986, and approved by the Acting
Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March
6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48
Stat. 984).

12 TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

13 Harriet Toro
14 Harriet Toro, Legislative Chairperson
15 8th day of September, 1988.

17 ATTEST:

18 Teresa M. Choyguha
19 Teresa M. Choyguha, Legislative Secretary
20 8th day of September, 1988.

22 Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the
23 Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 9 day of
Sept., 1988, at 1:52 o'clock, P. .M.,
24 pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the
25 Constitution and will become effective upon his approval or upon
his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of
submittal.

26 TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

27 Andrew M. Patucio
28 Harriet Toro, Legislative Chairperson

29 [] APPROVED) on the _____ day of _____, 19____,
30 [] DISAPPROVED) at _____ o'clock, _____ .M.

31 EXCEEDED 48 HOURS

32 ENOS J. FRANCISCO, JR., Chairman
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1 Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 14th day of
2 September, 19 88, at 9:44 o'clock, A, M.
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4 Teresa M. Choyguha
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6 Legislative Secretary
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MOVED: Tony Felix

SUBJECT: Supporting Enactment

SECOND: Henry Ramon

of Melcher Amendment No. 2124

DATE: September 6, 1988

to S.187

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DISTRICTS	REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF OIDAK 138.0	1. Nicholas Jose (Letitia Garcia)	69.0	X			X
	2. Willard Juan, Sr. (Melissa Gregorio)	69.0	X			
SELLS 257.0	1. Andrew Patricio (Daniel Lopez)	128.5	X			
	2. Fred Stevens ()	128.5	X			
SCHUK TOAK 105.0	1. Julia Carrillo (JoAnn Francisco)	52.5	X			
	2. Joseph Juan (Frances Francisco)	52.5	X			
SAN XAVIER 126.0	1. Eugene Enis (Michael Rios)	63.0	X			X
	2. Tony Felix (Carmelita Mattias)	63.0	X			
BABOQUIVARI 241.0	1. Kenneth Chico, Sr. ()	120.5	X			
	2. Joann Garcia (Frances Miguel)	120.5	X			
GU ACHI 158.0	1. Percy Lopez ()	79.0	X			
	2. Fernando Joaquin ()	79.0	X			
PISINEMO 116.0	1. Johnson Jose ()	58.0	X			
	2. Edward Manuel ()	58.0			X	
SAN LUCY 85.0	1. Max Jose (Dewey Ortega)	42.5	X			
	2. John Reno ()	42.5			X	
GU VO 117.0	1. Virgil Lewis (Roy Montana)	58.5	X			
	2. Cross Antone (Juan Joe Cipriano)	58.5	X			
HICKIWAN 128.0	1. Henry Ramon (Billy Manuel)	64.0	X			
	2. Lloyd Francisco (Eleanor Santos)	64.0	X			
CHUKUT KUK 169.0	1. Rosita Ruiz (Rosemary Lopez)	84.5	X			
	2. Harriet Toro ()	84.5	X			
TOTAL		1,640.0	1539.5	-0-	100.5	02