## 2024 Regular Session

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13

## BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

# INDIAN AFFAIRS: Recognizes the Apalachee Indians Talimali Band as an Indian tribe of the state of Louisiana and memorializes congress relative thereto

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To recognize the Talimali Band of the Apalachee Indians of Louisiana as an Indian tribe of
3	the state and to urge and request the federal government to provide for formal
4	recognition of the tribe.
5	WHEREAS, in the early sixteenth century, the Apalachee Indians comprised one of
6	the largest and most powerful Native American chiefdoms; their traditional lands were
7	situated between what are today known as the Aucilla and Ochlockonee Rivers on the
8	modern Florida panhandle; and
9	WHEREAS, the various colonial governments of Louisiana always regarded the
10	Apalachee Indians as a distinct tribal entity, even when remnants of the tribe-the Talimali
11	Band—fled westward from their traditional homelands in 1704 to seek protection from the
12	French in Mobile, Alabama; and
13	WHEREAS, the Talimali Band of the Apalachee Indians of Louisiana have
14	maintained close ties to the state since moving to the Red River in 1763, living first in the
15	vicinity of Boyce, Louisiana, and later moving to the Bayou Cypre and Sang Pour Sang area
16	(now known as Emmanuel), located south of Natchitoches where many tribal members
17	reside today; and
18	WHEREAS, it is noted that the Apalachee Indians have maintained much of their
19	traditional culture, including that which dictates that decisions of the tribe be made by the
20	chief councilman and councilmen; this custom of leader and council has been maintained
21	among the Apalachee Indians; and

1	WHEREAS, in 1995, the Apalachee Indians incorporated themselves into the
2	Talimali Band of the Apalachee Indians of Louisiana, a legal corporation formed under the
3	laws of the state of Louisiana; and
4	WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs,
5	provides procedures for establishing that an Indian group exists as a federally recognized
6	Indian tribe; and
7	WHEREAS, recognition by the United States Department of the Interior entitles a
8	tribe to immunities and privileges available to other federally recognized Indian tribes by
9	virtue of their government-to-government relationship with the United States and provides
10	for the responsibilities, powers, limitations, and obligations of such tribes; and
11	WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana supports the tribal aspirations of Indian tribes
12	within its borders and seeks to preserve their cultural heritage, to improve their economic
13	condition, and to assist them in the achievement of their just rights.
14	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15	formally recognize the Talimali Band of the Apalachee Indians of Louisiana as an Indian
16	tribe of the state.
17	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Legislature of Louisiana hereby memorializes,
18	requests, and urges the Congress of the United States and the United States Bureau of Indian
19	Affairs to take such steps as are necessary to effect formal recognition of the Apalachee
20	Indians Talimali Band, thereby acknowledging that the rights of the Apalachee Indians
21	Talimali Band are no less than those of other Indian tribes in the United States.
22	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted
23	to the governor of the state of Louisiana, the presiding officers of the Senate and House of
24	Representatives of the Congress of the United States, the assistant secretary of the Bureau
25	of Indian Affairs of the United States Department of the Interior, each member of the
26	Louisiana congressional delegation, and the leadership of the Apalachee Indians Talimali
27	Band.

### DIGEST

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Recognizes the Apalachee Indians Talimali Band as an Indian tribe of the state.

Memorializes congress and the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs to take such steps as are necessary to effect formal recognition of the Apalachee Indians Talimali Band.