

**MARCH 6TH, 2013 SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**

**LR No. 13-02**

Introduced by Senator Conrad J. Stewart  
Black Lodge District

A Legislative Resolution Titled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE TO HONOR GOD FOR  
HIS GREAT BLESSINGS UPON THE CROW TRIBE AND TO PROCLAIM JESUS  
CHRIST AS LORD OF THE CROW INDIAN RESERVATION**

Legislative Findings:

**WHEREAS**, the Crow Tribal Legislature (hereinafter “Legislature”) has the power and duty pursuant to Article V, Section 2(a) of the Crow Tribal Constitution to promulgate and adopt resolutions in accordance with the Constitution for the governance of the Crow Tribe of Indians; and

**WHEREAS**, the traditional, pre-Columbian religious system of the Crow Tribe was based on a belief that the world was created by a single deity, known as “Akbaatatdia” or “Iichihkbaalia,” who blessed the Crow Tribe with beautiful land and waters and whose spiritual guidance and protection carried the Tribe through many centuries of hardship and challenge; and

**WHEREAS**, Christian missionaries, Catholic, Protestant, Mormon, and Pentacostal, introduced Christianity to the Crow Tribe during the 19th Century; and

**WHEREAS**, today a large majority of Crow tribal members are Christians, many of whom still practice traditional spiritual customs such as the sweat lodge, vision quest, and sacred Tobacco Dance ceremony which are complementary to the Christian principles of *agape* love, spiritual commitment, prayer, and thankfulness for blessings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crow tribal name for Jesus Christ is “Akbaatatdia Daakbachee,” which means the “Son of God” and “Ischawuunnaukaasua” which means “The One with Pierced Hands;” and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature understands and greatly appreciates the importance of daily spiritual devotion and divine inspiration and has an informal, unwritten policy of group prayers prior to each committee meeting, legislative session, and branch-provided meal, all of which are typically done in the name of Jesus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature seeks to give recognition to the fact that God has guided the Crow Tribe throughout its history by providing inspiration and good judgment to tribal leaders by

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ensuring that the Crow Tribe and its homeland and culture remain intact and that the current tribal leadership and future generations have extraordinary opportunities with continued guidance from God to significantly improve the social, economic, and political conditions of the Crow Tribe and Crow Reservation and, more importantly, that everlasting life in Heaven (the “Other Side Camp”) is available to those who accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and personal savior; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature has established policy through enactment of LR 10-20 (Branch Policy and Procedure for Legislative Resolutions) which provides that a specific category of legislative resolutions are those resolutions which officially recognize actions of significance to the positive spirit of the Apsaalooke Nation and its social community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CROW TRIBAL  
LEGISLATURE IN SPECIAL SESSION:**

That thanks and appreciation is made to God for all of the blessings which have been bestowed upon the Crow Tribe throughout its history. As such, the Crow Tribal Legislature hereby this tribal resolution honors the powerful works of God in protecting the Crow Tribe and commits to making all reasonable efforts to honor God in the development and improvement of Crow tribal law and in giving final approval to proposed tribal actions.

**BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That Jesus Christ is hereby proclaimed as “Lord of the Crow Indian Reservation” by the Crow Tribal Legislature. The Secretary of the Legislature is hereby directed to take care that a monument to this proclamation is publicly displayed in the Legislative Chamber.

**BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the Crow Tribal Legislature supports the ministers and pastors of the Crow tribal community in the re-establishment of signage which reads “Jesus Christ is Lord of the Crow Indian Reservation” along Interstate 90 near Crow Agency and in other areas on the Crow Reservation.

**BE IT HEREBY FINALLY RESOLVED:**

This tribal resolution shall be an official statement of Branch policy by the Crow Tribal Legislature.

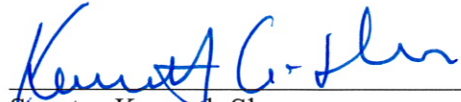
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## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Legislative Resolution titled **A Resolution of the Crow Tribal Legislature to Honor God for His Great Blessings Upon the Crow Tribe and to Proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord of the Crow Indian Reservation** was duly adopted by a vote of 14 in favor and 0 opposed and 1 abstaining, and that a quorum was present this 6<sup>TH</sup> day of March, 2013.

  
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Senator Kenneth Shane  
Speaker of the House

Attest:

  
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Senator R. Knute Old Crow  
Secretary of the Legislature



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A LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION TITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE TO HONOR GOD FOR HIS GREAT BLESSINGS UPON THE CROW TRIBE AND TO PROCLAIM JESUS CHRIST AS LORD OF THE CROW INDIAN RESERVATION .

**Bill or Resolution:** LR13-02 **Introduced by:** Sen. Conrad J. Stewart **Date of Vote:** 3/6/2013  
**Number**

| <u><b>Representative:</b></u>                        | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstained</b> |
|--|------------|-----------|------------------|
| H. Two Leggins                                       | _____      | _____     | _____            |
| V. Pretty Paint                                      | X          | _____     | _____            |
| C. J. Stewart  | X          | _____     | _____            |
| L. Other Medicine                                    | X          | _____     | _____            |
| A. Coyote-Runs, Sr.                                  | X          | _____     | _____            |
| L. Not Afraid.                                       | _____      | _____     | _____            |
| M. Covers Up, Sr.                                    | _____      | _____     | X                |
| P. Alden, Jr.  | X          | _____     | _____            |
| M. Not Afraid  | X          | _____     | _____            |
| V. Crooked Arm                                       | X          | _____     | _____            |
| L. DeCrane   | X          | _____     | _____            |
| C. Goes Ahead  | X          | _____     | _____            |
| B. Hugs  | X          | _____     | _____            |
| G. Real Bird, Jr.                                    | X          | _____     | _____            |
| M. Backbone  | _____      | _____     | _____            |
| G. Stewart   | X          | _____     | _____            |
| R. K. Old Crow, Sr.<br><i>Secretary of the House</i> | X          | _____     | _____            |
| K. Shane<br><i>Speaker of the House</i>              | X          | _____     | _____            |
| <b>Totals:</b>                                       | <b>14</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>1</b>         |

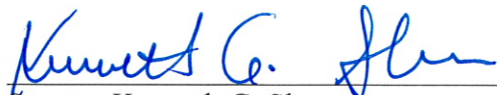
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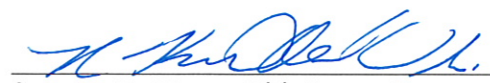
**Passed**

Not Passed

Tabled

Veto-Override

  
 Senator Kenneth G. Shane \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Speaker of the House

 3/7/13  
 Senator R. Knute Old Crow, Sr. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Secretary of the House