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To extend Federal recognition to the Waccamaw Indian People of Conway,
South Carolina, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 2021

Mr. RICE of South Carolina (for himself and Ms. MACE) introduced the
following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To extend Federal recognition to the Waccamaw Indian
People of Conway, South Carolina, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Waccamaw Indian Ac-
5 knowledge Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL RECOGNITION.**

7 (a) FEDERAL RECOGNITION.—Federal recognition is
8 extended to the Waccamaw Indian People of Conway,
9 South Carolina.

1 (b) APPLICABILITY OF LAWS.—All laws (including
2 regulations) of the United States of general applicability
3 to Indians or Nations, Indian Tribes, or bands of Indians
4 (including the Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 461 et
5 seq.)) shall be applicable to the Waccamaw Indian People
6 of Conway, South Carolina, and members of that Tribe.

7 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL SERVICES AND BENEFITS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date of the en-
9 actment of this Act, the Tribe and each member shall be
10 eligible for all services and benefits provided by the United
11 States to Indians and federally recognized Indian tribes,
12 without regard to—

13 (1) the existence of a reservation for the Tribe;

14 or

15 (2) the location of the residence of any member
16 on or near an Indian reservation.

17 (b) SERVICE AREA.—For purposes of the delivery of
18 services and benefits to members, the service area of the
19 Tribe shall be considered to be the area comprised of
20 Horry County in the State of South Carolina.

21 **SEC. 4. MEMBERSHIP ROLL.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receiving rec-
23 ognition, services, and benefits pursuant to this Act, the
24 Tribe shall submit to the Secretary, by not later than 18
25 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, a

1 membership roll consisting of the name of each individual
2 enrolled as a member of the Tribe.

3 (b) DETERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP.—The quali-
4 fications for inclusion on the membership roll of the Tribe
5 shall be determined in accordance with section A of article
6 IV of the proposed constitution of the Tribe dated Sep-
7 tember 8, 2016 (including amendments to the constitu-
8 tion).

9 (c) MAINTENANCE OF ROLL.—The Tribe shall main-
10 tain the membership roll under this section.

11 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

12 For the purposes of this Act:

13 (1) MEMBER.—The term “member” means an
14 individual duly enrolled in the roll of the Tribe de-
15 scribed in section 4.

16 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
17 the Secretary of the Interior.

18 (3) TRIBE.—The term “Tribe” means the
19 Waccamaw Indian People of South Carolina.

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