## Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740

## SPECIAL TRIBUTE FOR CONGRESSMAN DALE KILDEE

**WHEREAS** the Waganakising Odawak Nation, known as the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and its citizens, are vested with inherent sovereignty and right to self-governance; and

**WHEREAS** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe under Public Law 103-324, and is a party to numerous Treaties with the United States the most recent of which being the Treaty of Washington of March 28, 1836 (7 Stat. 491) and the Treaty of Detroit of 1855 (11 Stat. 621); and

**WHEREAS** in accordance with the Tribe's Administrative Procedures Act, WOS 2008-001, a Special Tribute is a document that acknowledges or recognizes a person(s) or organization with gratitude, respect or admiration for an action or accomplishment; and

WHEREAS Congressman Dale Kildee from Flint, MI, has served in the US Congress for over 35 years. During this service, Congressman Kildee championed the cause of tribal sovereignty and self-determination. In particular, Congressman Kildee assisted the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians become a federally recognized Tribe by being reaffirmed through a bill (H.R. 2376), sponsored by Kildee and eventually became Public Law 103-324, 25 U.S.C. §1300.

**WHEREAS** Congressman Kildee will always be appreciated for his open door to Tribal Leaders and Citizens while he was in Congress. He is a very approachable person and truly knowledgeable about his constituents concerns.

WHEREAS even though with the recent announcement of his retiring from office at the end of his current term, the Tribe is confident that we will continue our strong and mutual relationship with Dale Kildee and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians will always welcome him as a Friend and neighbor.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the undersigned Tribal Council Members do hereby express our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for all that Congressman Dale Kildee has contributed to the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and its Citizens, and we extend our heartiest appreciation for his years of service and dedication to this Tribe and all Tribes across the Nation.

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