

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Culture and Natural Resources Committee to (per resolution #1999-752) to recognize and honor the Law Firm of Sonosky, Chambers & Sachse, Richard Hart, Harriet Bullitt for their contributions to the welfare of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation.

Also, by a unanimous vote by the Wenatchi Advisory Group that they have recommended that the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation honor the Law Firm of Sonosky, Chambers, & Sachse et.al. for their successful part in the very critical legal case(s). We suggest in presenting a plaque to the law firm with the following:

The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation do recognize and honor the Law Firm of Sonosky, Chambers & Sachse et.al for their contributions to the welfare of the tribes also for their actions in the following cases;

1. The Tribes won a favorable court ruling in March 2010 which established the Wenatchi fishing rights at the Wenatchapam (Iceicle Creek).
2. The Tribes won the 181-D claims case on April 16, 1994, which included an initial payment of \$53 Million and annual payments as long as the Grand Coulee Dam is in operation.
3. The Tribes negotiated a settlement in 2003 for the Wells Dam claim which made the Tribes part owners of the Dam with an annual payment from revenues of the Dam.

Special mention of Harry Sachse and Donald Simon, who led the effort and developed the strategy which resulted in successful completion of these difficult tasks. These milestones have launched the Tribes into achieving their desired independence and enabled economic recovery of the Colville Indian Reservation.

Harry Sachse and Donald Simon said they will travel to our Reservation at their own expense. We offer Friday, May 20th, 2016 as the date of the presentation. Our group will be meeting several times before that to complete the plans for the event. Would like to meet and present to Harry Sachse and Donald Simon at the Tribal Government Event Center so we can reach as many tribal members as possible and ultimately share a very important part of our tribal history.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Colville Business Council, meeting in a **SPECIAL SESSION** this **5th day of May, 2016** acting for and in behalf of the Colville Confederated Tribes, Nespelem Washington, do hereby approve the above recommendation of the Culture Committee And Natural Resources Committee.

The foregoing was duly enacted by the Colville Business Council by a vote of **11 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED**, under authority contained in Article V, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, ratified by the Colville Indians February 26, 1938, and approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on April 19, 1938.

ATTEST:



James L. Boyd, Chairman
Colville Business Council



cc: Richard Tonasket, Culure Committee Chair
Joseph Somday, NRC Committee Chair
Peggy Circle, Committee Secretary
Francis Somday, Executive Director
Debra Wulff, BIA Superintendent
Anna Vargas, Reservation Attorney
Craig Moen, Comptroller
Dept. or Program: Bernadine Phillips, Aboriginal Rights Coordinator
Wenatchi Advisory Board

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

Nespelem, Washington

TO: COLVILLE BUSINESS COUNCIL DATE: April 13, 2016

FROM: The Natural Resource Committee / *Culture Committee*

SUBJECT: To Honor the Law Firm of Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, et.al. for their contributions to the welfare of the Colville Tribes.

Initiated By: Bernadine Phillips, Aboriginal Rights Coordinator Wenatchi Band

Program: Wenatchi Advisory Group

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

VOTE CAST
(YES) (NO)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

VOTE CAST
(YES) (NO)

Richard [Signature]
Richard [Signature]
Michael [Signature]
Joseph [Signature]
Richard [Signature]
Bernie [Signature]
Nancy [Signature]

X
X
X
X
X
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X

Business Council Actions:

Seconded by:

M. Kheel

11 FOR _____

Signed:

[Signature]

 Committee Chairperson

0 NAY _____

Signed:

[Signature]

 CBC Chairperson

0 ABSTAINED _____

Date Enacted: 5/5/16

Amendments: _____

Emergency (10 Affirmative Signatures) Rationale: _____