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CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

Resolution No. _____ (2025)

WHEREAS, The Sequoyah Birthplace Museum would like to nominate Dr. Mary Cushman for an honorary membership of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Cushman has a long and distinguished career after graduating from both Yale University and the University of Connecticut. Her areas of expertise are in Environmental Impact and Education. Caring for the environment has given her a unique perspective for land usage and specifically the lands once owned by the Eastern Band, and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Cushman was involved as a founding member of the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum Board of Directors and served on the Board for 33 years until her recent retirement as Board Secretary, and,

WHEREAS She was also the founding organizer of the annual Sequoyah Birthplace Museum’s, Cherokee Fall Festival. The festival started 34 years ago to help raise money to keep the museum doors open, and,

WHEREAS, On June 2, 2002, she was awarded the highest award to be bestowed on anyone by the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum and that award is the prestigious Sequoyah Excellence Award. This award is reserved for those giving a lifetime of service and dedication to the Museum, and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Council assembled at which a quorum is present that the Tribal Council hereby approves Dr. Mary Cushman to be bestowed an honorary membership of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for her extensive dedication and service of the Cherokee

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective upon ratification of the Principal Chief.

Submitted by; Adam Wachacha on behalf of the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum