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H. R. 131

To reaffirm the trust status of land taken into trust by the United States pursuant to the Act of June 18, 1934, for the benefit of an Indian tribe that was federally recognized on the date that the land was taken into trust, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2017

Mr. COLE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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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. REAFFIRMATION OF STATUS AND ACTIONS.**

4 (a) REAFFIRMATION OF TRUST STATUS.—Land
5 taken into trust by the United States pursuant to the Act
6 of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 465), before the date of en-
7 actment of this Act for the benefit of an Indian tribe that

1 was federally recognized on the date that the land was
2 taken into trust is reaffirmed as trust land.

3 (b) RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS OF THE SEC-
4 RETARY.—Any action taken by the Secretary of the Inte-
5 rior for the purpose of acquiring and taking land into trust
6 under the Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 465), is hereby
7 ratified and confirmed as fully and for all intents and pur-
8 poses as if that action had been taken under a Federal
9 law specifically authorizing or directing that action.

10 (c) APPLICATION.—This Act shall apply to all claims
11 (including claims challenging the validity of title or the
12 effectiveness of any action of the Secretary acquiring and
13 taking land into trust) pending on the date of the enact-
14 ment of this Act or filed on or after the date of the enact-
15 ment of this Act.

16 (d) INDIAN COUNTRY.—Any land taken into trust
17 that has been ratified and confirmed pursuant to this Act
18 shall remain Indian country pursuant to section 1151 of
19 title 18, United States Code.

20 (e) ADDITIONAL LAND.—Nothing in this Act shall
21 alter or diminish the right of any federally recognized In-
22 dian tribe or the authority of the Secretary with respect
23 to land taken into trust after the date of the enactment

1 of this Act for the benefit of a federally recognized Indian
2 tribe.

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