

very able and loyal friend on the Cherokee Inner Council, Earl Boyd Pierce to be sure that what we come up with will stand the legal scrutiny that is necessary to have things in order. But that committee will start meeting very shortly with the idea that when the congress does get it out on the floor, our tribe will be prepared to go before a hearing and make recommendations. And so my friends, and I say this sincerely, if I didn't have love for you people here, I certainly will tell you that I have never had the time in the last 10 years to give you, but I have tried to give the best I could. (Applause). I would be doing an injustice to everyone of you if I didn't tell you that I am sure that part of the credit in my advancement in the world of business has been because I am of Cherokee extraction. And I feel real proud and always have, to be representing you. This will probably be the last holiday that I will address you as the chief. I think that we have arrived as a people. I think that our program is going to go forward. Certainly any future chief, if I can help him in any matter, I am going to. He's got a great organizations in front of him, set up, and elected representatives and the Cherokee executive committee and the people of the Cherokee foundation, and the National Historical Society. We are on the march and I hope that the good Lord gives to everyone of us an abundance that every good thing that comes to eat. Thank you. (Applause)

REVEREND SAM HYDER INTERPRETS THE ADDRESS IN CHEROKEE

(Interpretation by Reverend Sam Hyder spoken in Cherokee.)

(Reverend Sam Hyder is translating Chief Keelers address to the Cherokees here at the Cherokee National Holiday in Tahlequah.) This lasts for several minutes of tape.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you very much. Now we will make this very brief--this recognition from the American Indian Institute at the University of Oklahoma, W. W. Keeler principal chief of the Cherokee Nation, in appreciation of the accomplishments