



LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
7500 ODAWA CIRCLE, HARBOR SPRINGS, MI 49740

TRIBAL COUNCIL TRAVEL REPORT NARRATIVE

From: Regina Bentley

Date: June 26, 27, and 28, 2013

Re: 50th Anniversary Civil Rights, Honoring Dale Kildee and United Tribes.

On the 27th the tribes gather to honor Dale Kildee's role with the recognition/reaffirmation of several of our Michigan tribes, his long standing support of sovereignty and education of our treaty right, his strong support of our right to game, and his leadership as the Co-Chair and one of the founders of the Native American Caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Michigan Department of Civil Rights gave a brief history and overview. Individual tribes present Dale Kildee with gifts. Also each tribe was able to give individual Tribal honors. Legislative Leader Kiogima honored tribal citizens Juanita Dominic and Doris Adams.

The 28th was United Tribes meeting. A welcome by Chairman Payment of the SSM Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Discussion was held in regards to the mascot issues. Melissa Claramunt showed a video of the history of the mascot issues and the work that is being done to stop the use of Indians as mascots. Aaron Payment did a presentation on native American's education. How many attend school, the dropout, high school completion and percentage of attending college and how many complete. Of the people who attend college, less than 40% of them complete college and earn a degree.

I would like to say Miigwech to Legislative Leader Kiogima for presenting Dale Kildee with the gift from the tribe and for the great job he did in honoring Mrs. Dominic and Mrs. Adams.
