

Poarch Creeks Share Culture in Montgomery

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Poarch Creek Indian Reservation, Atmore, Alabama – March 28, 2007 – Members of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians visited the State Capitol on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. for an evening of Native American food, dance, fellowship and culture. The Poarch Creeks hosted their second “Alabama Native, Alabama Neighbor” reception at the RSA Activity Center, 201 Dexter Avenue in Montgomery.

The evening began with welcoming remarks by Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin, and recognition of Tribal Council members and special guests, including representatives from the City of Atmore. “Our unique traditions and our history are things we are proud of, and very proud to share with you tonight,” Chairman Rolin told the invited guests.

Alex Alvarez, the tribe’s Cultural Education Coordinator, recited the Lord’s Prayer in the Creek language. He introduced the tribal princesses, Youth Council delegates, traditional and fancy dancers, and explained various dances and songs.

Even the food menu had a Native American flavor, with dishes such as hominy and pork, carved smoked turkey, wild rice, mixed greens with nuts, grape dumplings, and squash & zucchini. Tribal members also served fry bread and roasted corn, which are two of the most popular foods served at the tribe’s annual Thanksgiving Day PowWow celebration.

“Last year’s “Alabama Native, Alabama Neighbor” reception was so well received, we definitely wanted to return to Montgomery again this year”, said Chairman Rolin. “I’m so pleased that this year’s event had an even higher attendance, with well over 140 guests. Our tribal community wants the people of Alabama to know who we are and what we do. We are proud of our culture and our contributions in the state.”

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