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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of The Texas Trio have contributed
2 significantly to the country music scene and to the rich cultural
3 landscape of the Lone Star State; and

4 WHEREAS, With more than six decades of combined experience in
5 the music industry, Kyle Park, Jason Roberts, and John Michael
6 Whitby formed the traditional country and Western swing group, The
7 Texas Trio, as a side project to their individual careers; and

8 WHEREAS, Born in Austin and raised in Leander, Kyle Park
9 began playing the acoustic guitar, writing his own songs, and
10 singing for live audiences at the age of 15; he has since released
11 six solo albums and recorded seven No. 1 singles on the Texas
12 Regional Radio Report; in addition to finding success as a
13 producer, he has toured with his own band for 15 years, routinely
14 performing at more than 100 shows per year at venues across the
15 country and in Europe; and

16 WHEREAS, A native of Lampasas, Jason Roberts is a
17 singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist who launched his
18 career with the western swing supergroup Asleep at the Wheel; he
19 joined the band shortly after graduating from high school and
20 played with the group for 16 years; a two-time Grammy award winner,
21 he has released two original full-length albums and has toured
22 frequently with his own band; over the years, he has shared the
23 stage with many legendary artists, and he is currently the leader of
24 Bob Wills' Texas Playboys; and

1 WHEREAS, Keyboardist John Michael Whitby was born in Austin
2 and grew up in Waco and New Braunfels; he began learning classical
3 piano when he was just three years old, and he went on to join Asleep
4 at the Wheel at the age of 21; he has also played with the Randy
5 Rogers Band, and for the past 14 years, he has been the keyboardist
6 with George Strait and the world-renowned Ace in the Hole Band; in
7 addition, he has served as Mr. Park's business manager for more
8 than 15 years; and

9 WHEREAS, Through their musical talents and dedication to
10 their craft, the members of The Texas Trio have earned the
11 admiration and appreciation of countless fans across Texas and
12 beyond, and they may indeed take pride in their many
13 accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
15 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby honor the members of The
16 Texas Trio for their contributions to Texas music and culture and
17 extend to them sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for The Texas Trio as an expression of high regard by the
21 Texas House of Representatives.