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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Tyler Junior College Apache Band and Apache
2 Belles drill team are celebrating their 75th anniversary during the
3 2022-2023 academic year; and

4 WHEREAS, Both established in 1947, the Apache Belles and the
5 Apache Band have dazzled audiences across the state and nation as
6 well as around the world; their talents have been showcased during
7 the Super Bowl VI and XII halftime shows, and for many years, they
8 were the official halftime entertainment for the Dallas Cowboys
9 franchise, performing at nationally televised football games and
10 playoff games; today, the groups benefit from the able leadership
11 of Apache Belles director Jasilyn Schaefer and Apache Band director
12 Jeremy Strickland; and

13 WHEREAS, The Apache Belles made their debut at a TJC football
14 game in 1947 and quickly became a mainstay at school sporting
15 events; the members of the dance team have met a number of U.S.
16 presidents, including Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, and Bill
17 Clinton, and they have participated in special events in Mexico,
18 Costa Rica, Belize, Honduras, and China; they have also performed
19 for members of the military stationed in Japan, South Korea,
20 Austria, Germany, and Hawaii; and

21 WHEREAS, The Apache Band has stirred the hearts of TJC fans
22 for 75 years, performing exciting music and creative marching drill
23 routines at school football games as well as at major sporting
24 events, such as the Super Bowl and the Cotton Bowl; the band's

1 members have also served as ambassadors for TJC and East Texas,
2 performing for U.S. presidents and other dignitaries and for U.S.
3 troops and their families overseas; the band encompasses a variety
4 of exceptional groups, including the Apache Marching Band, a wind
5 ensemble and symphonic band, a jazz ensemble, and an indoor
6 drumline; and

7 WHEREAS, Over the course of the past seven and a half decades,
8 members of the Apache Belles and the Apache Band have established a
9 well-deserved reputation for excellence, and in so doing, they have
10 served as impressive ambassadors for Tyler Junior College and the
11 Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate the Tyler Junior College Apache
14 Band and Apache Belles on their 75th anniversary and extend to all
15 those associated with the groups sincere best wishes for the
16 future; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for the Apache Belles and the Apache Band as an expression
19 of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.