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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Director of bands Stephen Cox of Advanced Learning
2 Academy and Fox Tech and CAST Tech High Schools in San Antonio was
3 named the recipient of the 2022 Music Educator Award by the
4 Recording Academy, the organization that confers the annual Grammy
5 Awards; and

6 WHEREAS, Each year, the Recording Academy and the Grammy
7 Museum recognize educators from across the United States who have
8 demonstrated a steadfast commitment to advancing the field of music
9 education; Mr. Cox was selected for the 2022 award out of more than
10 1,100 nominees; and

11 WHEREAS, Prior to joining ALA and Fox Tech and CAST Tech High
12 Schools, Mr. Cox served as the band director at Eastland High
13 School for 10 years; over the course of his career as an educator,
14 he has distinguished himself as a caring and supportive mentor
15 while maintaining high expectations; he has made an extra effort to
16 incorporate his students' interests in lessons, and he has provided
17 them with opportunities to develop their leadership skills; in
18 addition, he helps connect students with the wider community by
19 coordinating public performances; under his able guidance, the
20 Eastland High band received numerous honors and advanced to
21 multiple state competitions; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Cox has further contributed to the fine arts
23 community by establishing the Eastland Jazz Festival, and he has
24 been a featured speaker at such events as the Texas Music Educators

1 Association Convention, the Texas Bandmasters Association
2 Convention, and the Midwest Clinic; his accolades include being
3 named one of 50 Directors Who Make a Difference by *School Band and*
4 *Orchestra* magazine; he is a graduate of Howard Payne University;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Stephen Cox has greatly enriched the lives of many
7 young Texans through his passion for teaching and his extraordinary
8 expertise in music, and he is truly deserving of this national
9 recognition; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Stephen Cox on receiving the 2022
12 Music Educator Award from the Recording Academy and extend to him
13 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Mr. Cox as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 House of Representatives.