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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Amarillo Symphony is celebrating the 100th  
2 anniversary of its founding throughout its 2023-2024 season; and

3 WHEREAS, The only professional symphony in the Texas  
4 Panhandle region, the Amarillo Symphony traces its origins to 1924,  
5 when a 12-member group of musicians known as the Philharmonic Club  
6 began playing special concerts for residents in their homes; by  
7 1926, the club had a full-time conductor, Ellis B. Hall, the first  
8 in a long line of maestros who have helped transform the group into  
9 a full-fledged, professional symphonic ensemble; and

10 WHEREAS, In the late 1960s, the Philharmonic changed its name  
11 to the Amarillo Symphony; in 1968, it began playing in the Amarillo  
12 Civic Center Auditorium, which served as its home for nearly four  
13 decades, until the symphony moved to the Globe-News Center for the  
14 Performing Arts in 2006; and

15 WHEREAS, The Amarillo Symphony has grown alongside the  
16 25,000-square-mile region that it serves, and today, it consists of  
17 85 musicians who perform eight-concert seasons; the symphony is  
18 committed to not only providing diverse, engaging, and inspiring  
19 musical experiences to the public, but also fostering music  
20 education through initiatives and events such as its Youth  
21 Orchestra, Class Act program, educational concerts, and Greater  
22 Southwest Music Festival; and

23 WHEREAS, Over the course of the past century, the Amarillo  
24 Symphony has become an important part of the cultural fabric of the

1 Panhandle region, and it is a pleasure to join in celebrating the  
2 longevity of this cherished institution and the many ways it has  
3 enriched the community; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby commemorate the centennial of the Amarillo  
6 Symphony and commend its orchestra members, staff, and board of  
7 directors for their hard work in fulfilling the organization's  
8 mission to inspire, educate, and bring together Panhandle residents  
9 through the power of music; and, be it further

10         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for the Amarillo Symphony as an expression of high regard  
12 by the Texas House of Representatives.