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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Renowned Texas musician and actor Lyle Lovett is
2 visiting the State Capitol on March 18, 2025, providing a welcome
3 opportunity to pay tribute to his myriad achievements; and

4 WHEREAS, Lyle Lovett was raised on a horse ranch in Klein, a
5 town named after his great-great-grandfather, an early German
6 settler of the area; in ninth grade at Klein High School, he joined
7 his first band with his fellow FFA members, but he did not begin
8 writing songs until he attended Texas A&M University; following
9 graduation, he went on to study and play music in Germany; after
10 returning home, he earned a following on stages across the state
11 before further pursuing a music career in Nashville; he signed with
12 MCA/Curb Records in 1986, and later that year, he released his
13 eponymous debut, which spawned five singles that reached the Top-40
14 country charts; his popular second album, *Pontiac*, moved beyond the
15 traditions of country and western with a blend of pop, jazz, blues,
16 swing, and rock and roll that became his unique sound; to support
17 the album, he formed His Large Band, a modified big band that
18 included the gospel-trained backup singer Francine Reed; the group
19 joined him for the recording of his third album, *Lyle Lovett and His*
20 *Large Band*, which achieved gold certification; and

21 WHEREAS, After moving to Los Angeles, Mr. Lovett acted in the
22 Robert Altman films *The Player* and *Short Cuts*, and in 2000, he
23 released the soundtrack of *Dr. T. & the Women* for the famed
24 director; the '90s also saw the release of *I Love Everybody*, a

1 collection of songs Mr. Lovett wrote in the early stages of his
2 career, *The Road to Ensenada*, which peaked at No. 4 on the country
3 charts, and *Step Inside This House*, a collection of covers that
4 highlighted the works of other Texas artists, such as his longtime
5 college friend, Robert Earl Keen; Mr. Lovett has received four
6 Grammy Awards and has published several albums on the Lost Highway
7 imprint along the way, and he has continued to appear in film and
8 television and tour with and without His Large Band as well as the
9 Acoustic Group in Texas and beyond; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition, Mr. Lovett received an honorary
11 doctorate from the University of Houston for his extensive
12 philanthropic work, which has included support of the Texas A&M
13 community and for organizations such as The University of Texas MD
14 Anderson Cancer Center, Make-A-Wish Oklahoma, and Houston Ride for
15 Kids; he maintains his roots in Klein, where he lives with his wife,
16 April Kimble, and their twins, Ella and Will, in his grandparents'
17 old house; he is a congregant of Trinity Klein Lutheran Church,
18 which his great-great-grandfather co-founded; and

19 WHEREAS, With his distinctive sound, masterful songwriting,
20 and vibrant live performances, Lyle Lovett has earned a special
21 place in the pantheon of artists from the Lone Star State, and his
22 outstanding accomplishments are a source of tremendous pride to the
23 Klein community and his fellow Texans; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
25 Legislature hereby honor Lyle Lovett for his contributions and
26 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
27 further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for Mr. Lovett as an expression of high regard by the Texas
3 House of Representatives.