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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join Texans across the State in celebrating May 27, 2025, as Western Swing Day; and

WHEREAS, The official state music of Texas, western swing was popularized at Fort Worth's Crystal Springs Dance Hall in the early 1930s by musicians Bob Wills and Milton Brown; their energizing performances blended rhythms from a diverse range of musical traditions and cultures and offered dancing music and a lively reprieve for Texans and their communities bearing the burdens of the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, Western swing bands characteristically feature the fiddle, rhythm guitar, and upright bass, and many larger performance groups also incorporate the stylings of steel and electric guitars, pianos, drums, horns, electric mandolins, and tenor banjos; and

WHEREAS, This joyful and uplifting music genre has captivated audiences of all ages and backgrounds and joins people together in the enduring spirit of dance, community, and celebration; Wills, Brown, and other similar artists pioneered a new style of musical performance nearly a century ago that has continued to inspire legendary Texas musicians and preserve widely beloved traditions in our state; and

WHEREAS, Western Swing Day offers an opportunity for

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Texans throughout the state to appreciate and enjoy this iconic musical genre, and it is truly fitting that a day be set aside to celebrate this beloved and quintessential Texas music and to honor its unique and important role in the history and culture of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby recognize western swing as a treasured part of our state's heritage and recognize May 27, 2025, as Western Swing Day; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special occasion.