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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Lone Star State is home to many outstanding
2 entertainers, and music sensation Johnny Dee and the Rocket 88's
3 can justly be found on that list of notable Texans; and

4 WHEREAS, Formed in Austin in 1974, this beloved rock-and-roll
5 band combines the talents of native Texans Johnny Dee, "Turnpike"
6 Mike Mikeska, "T-Bone" Keltone, "Lil-Dickie" Lee Dickens, Jimmy
7 Nitro, and Will Diamond Ramsey; and

8 WHEREAS, Johnny Dee and the Rocket 88's have generously
9 volunteered their time and talents in behalf of numerous
10 fund-raisers benefiting civic and charitable organizations,
11 including the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the United Way, and
12 the American Heart Association; a favorite at Lone Star political
13 celebrations, the group has performed for Texas governors Bill
14 Clements, Ann Richards, George W. Bush, and Rick Perry; band
15 members have also earned wide acclaim for their award-winning audio
16 and video public service announcements in support of the nationally
17 known "Don't Mess With Texas" campaign; and

18 WHEREAS, For nearly 30 years, Johnny Dee and the Rocket 88's
19 have delighted countless crowds with their unique style of
20 rollicking 1950s rock, and they have established themselves as
21 worthy torchbearers of the rich Texas traditions that have shaped
22 the state's musical heritage; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
24 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Johnny Dee and the

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1 Rocket 88's on their musical achievements and extend to them
2 warmest best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for the band as an expression of high regard by the Texas
6 House of Representatives.