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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texas is a state with a unique political culture and  
2 has, through recent events, made its robust democracy known  
3 throughout the world, reaching as far as Ardmore and Albuquerque;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The skills honed in this formidable laboratory of  
6 freedom have propelled Texans to the highest levels of leadership  
7 of this civilized universe, much to the admiration and joy of  
8 citizens contained therein, excepting the French ones; and

9 WHEREAS, The fate of the world thereby depends on the  
10 cultural vitality of this great state and the good humor of its  
11 political leaders; and

12 WHEREAS, A new play, titled "Sonny's Last Shot," set within  
13 this very chamber, has its world premiere in Austin on October 4,  
14 2003, at the Arts on Real Theatre; and

15 WHEREAS, Characters based on actual events and personalities  
16 dangerously similar to people sitting nearby will thrill the  
17 members of this great body and cause them to consult their  
18 attorneys; and

19 WHEREAS, Satire is a well-established defense in such cases;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The play was created by the noted Texas writer  
22 Lawrence Wright, a staff writer for *The New Yorker* magazine, the  
23 author of six books, and the screenwriter for *The Siege* and  
24 *Noriega: God's Favorite*; and

1           WHEREAS, The play was directed by Marco Perella, a well-known  
2 Texas actor, teacher, and author of the heart-rending memoir,  
3 *Confessions of a No Name Actor*; and

4           WHEREAS, The play benefits the Sunshine Kids, a Texas-based  
5 charity that provides group activities and emotional support to  
6 children with cancer; and

7           WHEREAS, Port Arthur native and Hollywood acting legend  
8 G. W. Bailey, who portrayed Sergeant Rizzo on *M\*A\*S\*H* and Captain  
9 Harris in the *Police Academy* movies, among many other distinguished  
10 roles, is the executive director of the Sunshine Kids and a leading  
11 actor in "Sonny's Last Shot"; and

12           WHEREAS, The Sunshine Kids organization has brought joy and  
13 solace to thousands of children, helping them do what children  
14 should do: celebrate life; and

15           WHEREAS, Anything that helps the Sunshine Kids can't be all  
16 bad; now, therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
18 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend Lawrence Wright,  
19 Marco Perella, G. W. Bailey, and the entire cast and crew of  
20 "Sonny's Last Shot" for their commitment to the Sunshine Kids; and,  
21 be it further

22           RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution will be published  
23 and posted on the door of the Arts on Real Theatre as a declaration  
24 by the members of this chamber that merriment still abides in this  
25 great state, and that politics can be survived, even in Texas.