

By: McClendon

H.R. No. 207

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Texas Children's Choir has been invited to  
2 Normandy to help commemorate the 60th anniversary of the D-Day  
3 invasion by performing selections from their repertoire of  
4 patriotic, classical, and sacred music; and

5           WHEREAS, Under the direction of Dr. Thomas Hardaway, the  
6 Texas Children's Choir will perform for a global audience that  
7 includes heads of state from around the world; the group will also  
8 give a concert at Notre-Dame Cathedral and attend the official  
9 international ceremonies for the Allied Powers and the White House  
10 ceremonies at the American Cemetery; and

11           WHEREAS, The Texas Children's Choir serves as a leadership  
12 development program for children, ages 8 to 14, from military and  
13 civilian families in the San Antonio area; in addition to  
14 developing strong leadership skills, the children experience the  
15 value of hard work and the rewards of serving others without the  
16 benefit of personal gain; and

17           WHEREAS, Through their participation in civic and military  
18 events, choir members learn respect for their patriotic duty as  
19 Americans, and by working together with children from diverse  
20 backgrounds, these talented youngsters develop respect for the  
21 different beliefs and ideas of their peers, an essential element of  
22 American democracy; and

23           WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Children's Choir include Andrea  
24 Block, Theresa DeLeon, Kielely Simonsen, Maggie Sorrell, Jeffrey

1 Orgill, Emaleigh Hill, Tara Hunter, Carissa Thibodeaux, Robyn  
2 O'Bryant, Stephany Cavazos, Stephanie McLeod, Ciera Wilkerson,  
3 Kaitlin Adkison, Felisha Aubrey, Jake Krimbill, Ellen Rosenow,  
4 Karen Rosenow, Gabriela Moore, Megan Simon, Emma Brockhouse, Alyssa  
5 Ortiz, Angela Ludlow, CarLee Rodriguez, Jessie Saltzman, Skye  
6 Tabor, Kitty Bernal, Allyson Verdejo, Jenna Rockett, Kelly Orgill,  
7 Shawyntae Washington, Christina Davies, Mandy Aguilera, Jennifer  
8 Joor, Phoebe Torres, Ashley Hughes, Travis Hagen, Brett Borden,  
9 Trishana Thomas, Omeria Thomas, and Kenny Yasger; and

10 WHEREAS, These young Texans have a rare opportunity to take  
11 part in what will surely be a memorable and inspirational event, and  
12 they will undoubtedly represent themselves and the state of Texas  
13 with the dignity, honor, and respect that this occasion deserves;  
14 now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
16 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate Dr. Thomas  
17 Hardaway and the members of the Texas Children's Choir on their  
18 upcoming participation in the 60th anniversary commemoration of the  
19 D-Day invasion and extend best wishes to them for a successful and  
20 memorable performance; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for Dr. Hardaway and the members of the choir as an  
23 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.